

# *THE NEXUS*      *SEPTEMBER 2022*

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## **Nicki's News**

Dear friends and members,

I recently heard the story of a Christian woman in Le Chambon-sur-Lignon France. In 1943 she had learned from her pastor about the role of disciples to remain faithful, who had been sharing this in his sermons. This was what informed her on how to help Jews escaping Nazi Germany. This particular woman faked a heart attack when the Nazi's had come to search her house where she was housing some Jewish escapees. When asked why she did this and risked her life her response was "For what else was I born?" What powerful words that teach us what discipleship sometimes requires of us. It requires us to go out of our comfort zones and face our fears, because loving our neighbor is what we were born to do.

In His Peace,

Pastor Nicki

## **Nexus Sponsor**

This month's issue is being sponsored by Dale Pedersen in memory of Carl and Fern Pedersen and Bob and Jane Parsons. If you are interested in sponsoring an issue, the cost is \$35.00. Please notify Jen, in the church office, or sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

## **Nexus Deadline**

The Nexus deadline for the October issue is Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup>.



## **Walk and Talk**

This time of walk and talk has been very successful. If you or anyone including friends, family, or members of community who would like to join to walk and talk together, you are invited to do so. The place we walk is determined by the group after the conclusion of each walk. If it is bad weather, we will reschedule. The pastor will announce where each walk would take place if you missed the last walk, or you can call the office and ask. If you are planning on coming, please let the office or pastor know. This way you can get a call with any changes. For September, our walks will be Wednesdays September 7<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.

## **5-7 Year Planning Commission**

The next meetings of the 5-7 Year Planning Commission will be Mondays, September 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> at 4:15 p.m.

## **Welcome ESU Students!!!**

We welcome returning and new students to any and all of our church services and events. It's good to see new faces. Let us know what your interests are.

## Inspirarity Dialogue

Inspirarity Dialogue- You have a chance to meet your neighbors of differing faiths through conversations with them. This dialogue time is one hour and each month a different topic is chosen for the next month's discussion. Each person is to bring their faith traditions or own personal beliefs take on the chosen topic. Currently we are still doing this remotely on Zoom, but the hope is to do it in person in the future.

Meeting ID: 811 4459 9578  
Passcode: 621686  
**Next meeting is Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**

## Roof Update

The roof project has been slow going and we do not anticipate any construction happening this fall as we had hoped. Some new options have been shared and the committee is working to explore these new options. Know though that when the property committee has anything definitive we will be sharing it with the congregation as soon as possible.

## Celebrations:

Celebrating **Birthdays in September** are:

Nancy Creveling, Jackie Flynn, Jacob Santana, Cindy Schrick, Anna Dressel, Reese Wasylyk, Rebecca Sanker, Ellie Buff, Hayden Huffman, Dale Pedersen, John Charpentier, Sheila Hopkins, Gavin Vogel and Mary Lou Huber

Celebrating an **Anniversary in September** are:

Cort and Amy Huffman  
Rich and Sharon Laverdure  
Oscar and Soomi Santana  
Donald and Sheila Hopkins

## Updates from our Partners Regarding Ukraine

- Uncertainty is growing in Transcarpathia. Those who have stayed are already considering leaving.
- Suicide rates are increasing for both women/men. Among those with stable families, not alcoholics or psychologically unstable.
- In Ukraine, 16 million people are in need of humanitarian aid: water, food, housing.
- He thanks Tibor Kiss for sending the Dutch open letter, adding that it is not enough to call on the West to stop arming Ukraine - it should call for a ceasefire and sit down with Putin. So far, Putin's peace terms have not been raised in any forum.

**We are still collecting money for those in Ukraine.** You can drop it off in the office or out in the collection plate with a note in the memo.

## September Meetings:

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| Sept. 2  | K-Group, 1:00                      |
| Sept. 7  | Walk and Talk, 1:00                |
| Sept. 11 | Session meeting                    |
| Sept. 11 | Inspirarity Dialogues, 7:00        |
| Sept. 12 | 5-7 Year Planning Commission, 4:15 |
| Sept. 13 | Mission Comm. Meeting, 1:00        |
|          | Women's Circle meeting, 2:00       |
| Sept. 14 | Men's Lunch, noon                  |
| Sept. 26 | 5-7 Year Planning Commission, 4:15 |
| Sept. 28 | Walk & Talk, 1:00                  |

## Humor Corner





## **Choir Returns!**

Yes, the choir will be singing again starting this Fall. We will rehearse before church at 9:00 a.m. Our performances will be twice a month. If you wish to lend your voice to the choir, please join us, starting September 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Rehearsal dates for September are 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. The first performance is September 18<sup>th</sup>. Sing to the glory of God!



## **Bell Choir - Ringing Soon!**

The Bell Choir will soon be filling the sanctuary with heavenly sounds! Rehearsals are after church for 30-35 minutes. In preparation for our first performance, we will rehearse on September 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. The performance will be on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. New members needed, so come and join us.

## **Peace & Global Witness Special Offering**

Starting on September 4 and ending on World Communion Day (October 2<sup>nd</sup>), we will be asking for your help and consider a donation to the Peace & Global Witness Special Offering. With so much going on around the world today, this offering gives us a chance to help those in need who are suffering through conflicts and injustices. Through this offering, our church can keep 25% of the money collected, which will be donated to a local non-profit charity. Last year we collected \$1470.00. Please make check payable to ESPC and indicate on the memo line Peace & Global Witness Offering. Thank you for your support.

## **Calling all children...**

On Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> this Fall's Sunday School will return. Member Kylee Vogel will again be teaching and is looking forward to the fun exciting ways to learn and understand the Bible stories. Mark your calendars and get ready for the fun to begin again!



## **Adult Sunday School**

Please join our Adult Sunday School class on **September 18th at 9:00AM** for an 8 session study of angels. We will use a study guide to help you discover, for yourself, what the Bible says about these marvelous beings. Thirty four of the Bible's sixty six books discuss angles in detail. Additionally, the word angel occurs more than 250 times in Scripture! The Bible also makes clear that angels fall into two distinct groups - the holy angels of God and - the evil angels who follow Satan in his rebellion.

We are about to embark on an exciting adventure. My desire is that you will be open as never before to understanding and enjoying the wonderful ministry the God's angels have in your life.

Lesson topics:

1. Burning in God's Presence
2. Angels Among Us
3. Jesus and the Angels
4. Dealing with Demons
5. The Battle Against Us
6. Angels and Guidance
7. Guarded by Angels
8. Discerning the Spirits

## Living Into Our Mission

Here are ways we have brought God's light to our community in recent months:

1. We have helped someone move into a new apartment with furniture and home furnishings they needed.

2. We have provided meals for Family Promise members in need.

3. We have supplied food to individuals and have also taken lots of food to the North Timberwolf Pantry.

4. We have provided temporary room and board for people traveling through our area.

5. We supplied, blessed and delivered backpacks to kids in need in our area and donated more up north.

6. We provided practice space for a summer choir.

7. We baptized a baby!

8. We completed and are starting a new TOALC session.

9. We have had several Walk & Talks.

10. We have helped in giving rides, meals and visits to our congregants.

11. We have donated money to Ukraine.

12. We donated funds to Common Threads, Angels & Dragonflies, Angel's Closet, Meals On Wheels, 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming Thrift Shop and Timberwolf Pantry.

13. We contributed to One Great Hour of Sharing.

## Men's Lunch

Men's Luncheon series resumes on Wednesday, **September 14<sup>th</sup> at 12:00** in the Lounge. Please join is for soup and sandwiches. We will engage in a lively discussion about imaging Heaven.



## Operation Shoebox

Operation Shoe box is coming again soon. Be on the lookout for more information that will be forthcoming as the collection begins in October.

## Recovery Walk

Join us outside at ESPC for a Recovery Walk on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Hosted by us, ESU Wellness Education & Prevention, the Carbon-Monroe-Pike Drug and Alcohol Commission and the Overdose Prevention Coalition of Monroe County, this event is for everyone. It is a **free** event that will feature food, music, vendors, speakers and more. Join our walk and celebrate individuals in recovery.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 K-Group, 1:00	3
4 Worship 10:00	5 Labor Day!  Church Closed	6	7 Walk & Talk, 1:00	8	9	10 Recovery Walk, 9:00
11 Worship 10:00 Session Mtg. Inspirarity Dialogues, 7:00	12 TOALC classes start 5-7 Year Planning Commission, 4:15	13 Mission Committee meeting, 1:00 Women's Circle, 2:00	14 Men's Lunch, noon	15	16	17
18 Worship 10:00  Sunday School Starts!!	19	20	21	22 Fall begins	23	24
25 Worship 10:00	26 5-7 Year Planning Commission, 4:15  Nexus Deadline	27 Presbytery Assembly, 1:00	28 Walk & Talk, 1:00	29	30	