



## CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS FROM AUGUST 15, 2024

**OLD BUSINESS:** Organ Fund-(MI Foundation)- Mike Hartman and Lynn Schadle talked to the MI people & they are putting us on the agenda for September to discuss giving us a donation. Lynn & Mike are putting the grant proposal together for them. Confirmation picture is hung.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. **Worship and Music**- Nathan Steinbach will become a member on Sunday, August 18, 2024 during worship. Rally Day will be on September 8, 2024.

2. **Parish Education**- None

3. **Stewardship and Evangelism** – Had a great community day at the park on July 27<sup>th</sup>. Next year there will be camel rides & the petting zoo, tentative date is Saturday July 26, 2025. Bird in Hand Bank will sponsor it again. Going to start working with pastor Greg to have committee members visit the shut-ins. Lisa Perkins & Ruthie Sitlinger are working on putting a Fall Festival together on November 2, 2024 at the Gratz Park, tentative time is 10-3 or 4.

4. **Social Ministry** – Had 13 people for the foodbank in August. Trying to get sponsors to cover the cost of the meats for the bags that will be given away in the fall.

5. **Youth** – Had a great trip and the kids did a great presentation on the trip. Jean asked about the \$2,000.00 that was in the budget for the youth. Discussion was held. Motion by Lynn Schadle to match any of their Fundraising efforts up to the budgeted amount per year for the youth group fund. Seconded by Deb Troutman. Approved.

6. **Church Property** – Roof shingles are repaired, both on the Church and Sunday School roofs. John says the “Gremlins” had the sensors and camera’s working in over drive with the storms and rain the last couple of weeks.

7. **Budget and Finance** – None

8. **Fellowship** – The Murder Mystery Dinner is being postponed till Spring, to give everyone more time to prepare and get the stage cleaned off. Next function will be the dinner for the Bishop visit on Sunday November 3, 2024 after Church with Soup and Sandwiches.

9. **Mutual Ministry** – None

**New Business** – The Church will have a float in the parade on Saturday August 24 for the Fire Company’s 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. Lisa’s Sunday School class is doing it, and the theme is “Fishers of Men”

**The Pastor's Time** – None

### **2024 GIVING**

\$78,606.73

### **2024 EXPENSES**

\$91,102.78

**Difference between YTD Giving & YTD Expenses \$-12,496.05**

**{For General Operating Fund}**

# SERVING IN SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

September 1, 2024  
15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after  
Pentecost w/  
*Holy Communion*

Greeter: John Novinger  
Reader: Lynn Schadle  
Usher: Matt Ferster  
Glasses: Lisa Perkins

Altar: Doris Flynn

September 8, 2024  
16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after  
Pentecost

Greeter: Virginia Moore  
Reader: John Novinger

September 15, 2024  
17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after  
Pentecost

Greeter: Susan Krause  
Reader: Tracy Bixler

September 22, 2024  
18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after  
Pentecost

Greeter: Lisa Perkins  
Reader: Virginia Moore

September 29, 2024  
19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after  
Pentecost

Greeter: Sandra Matter  
Reader: Sharon Erdman

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October 6, 2024  
20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after  
Pentecost w/  
*Holy Communion*

Greeter: Anna Coleman  
Reader: Doris Flynn  
Usher: Dave Strohecker  
Glasses: Becky Hoover

Altar: Lynn Schadle

October 13, 2024  
21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after  
Pentecost

Greeter: Darlene Novinger  
Reader: Dennis Barge

October 20, 2024  
22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after  
Pentecost

Greeter: Dave Strohecker  
Reader: Jason Dively

October 27, 2024  
Reformation  
Sunday w/  
*Holy Communion*

Greeter: Dennis Barge  
Reader: Barbara & Keith Klinger  
Usher: Lynn Schadle  
Glasses: Tracy Bixler

Altar: Dennis Barge

## “VOICE OF SIMEON” RADIO MINISTRY SPONSORS

### SEPTEMBER 2024

September 1 – Buffington/Reed Funeral Home

September 8 – Willing Workers

September 15 – In Memory of Barbara Hartwig

September 22 – Mr. & Mrs. Lynn Schadle

September 29 – The Krause Family

We thank our local businesses and individuals that sponsor our “Voice of Simeon” Radio Ministry. It can be heard each Sunday morning at 7:30 a.m. on WQLV-98.9 FM.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:



Sunday, September 1 - Worship Service w/Holy Communion /Food Collection-10:15 a.m.

**Monday, September 2 – Labor Day**

**Sunday, September 8 – Rally Day Worship Service-10:15 a.m.**

**Wednesday, September 11 – Patriot Day**

**Thursday, September 12 - Council Meeting 7 p.m.**

\*\*\*Little Hands Nursery School first days of class are September 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> \*\*\*

Saturday, September 14 - Food Bank Open, 9-11 a.m.

Sunday, September 15 - Worship Service-10:15 a.m.

\*\*\***GRATZ FAIR WEEK SEPT. 15-21**\*\*\*

**Friday, September 20 - Newsletter Deadline**

**Sunday, September 22 - Worship Service-10:15 a.m. /1<sup>st</sup> Day of Autumn**

Sunday, September 29 –Worship Service-10:15 a.m.



Sunday, October 6 - Worship Service w/Holy Communion /Food Collection-10:15 a.m.

Saturday, October 12 - Food Bank Open, 9-11 a.m.

**Sunday, October 13 – Harvest Sunday Worship Service-10:15 a.m.**

**Monday, October 14 – Columbus Day**

**Wednesday, October 19 – National Boss Day**

**Thursday, October 17 - Council Meeting 7 p.m.**

**Friday, October 18 - Newsletter Deadline**

Sunday, October 20 - Worship Service-10:15 a.m.

**Sunday, October 27 –Reformation Sunday Worship Service w/Holy Communion-10:15 a.m.**

**Thursday October 31 Reformation Day /Happy Halloween**

\*\*\*Little Hands Nursery School Halloween Parties October 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> \*\*\*

## TRANSFER

Lora Swab - to Zion Stone Valley, Dalmatia, PA

## SERVING THE CHURCH

If you would like to serve as a *Greeter, Reader, Communion Assistant, (Usher, Altar, or Glass Holder)*. Please let the office know and you will be added to the list, THANKS!!!

# Chefs Corner



## Cowboy Casserole

1 pound ground beef  
1 can cream of mushroom soup  
1 tsp. onion powder  
1½ cups frozen corn or peas  
1 cup bacon cooked and chopped

½ cup milk  
½ cup sour cream  
½ tsp. salt & pepper  
1½ cups cheddar cheese  
28 oz. tater tots frozen

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Spray a 9x13 pan with cooking spray. In a skillet, cook ground beef breaking into small pieces; until no longer pink. Drain grease. In a large bowl, whisk cream of mushroom soup, milk, and sour cream until smooth. Add onion powder, salt, and black pepper. Mix until combined. With a wooden spoon stir in ground beef, corn, ½ cup of cheese, and bacon until well mixed. Pour into the prepared pan. Layer ½ cup cheese and tater tots on top. Bake for 40 minutes; until bubbly and tots are browned. Then top with remaining ½ cup cheese and bake until melted; about 5 minute. Serve with sprinkled bacon on top if desired.

## Pea Salad

1 (16-oz.) package of frozen peas, thawed  
½ cup of chopped onion  
Salt and pepper to taste  
1 tsp. tabasco sauce  
½ cup of sour cream

10 slices of bacon, cooked until crisp and crumbled  
1 cup of shredded cheddar cheese  
½ cup of mayonnaise  
½ cup sugar

In a large mixing bowl, combine the thawed sweet peas, crumbled bacon, onions, and shredded cheddar cheese. In another bowl, whisk together the mayonnaise, sour cream, sugar, tabasco, pepper, salt until a smooth and seasonings are evenly distributed. Pour this dressing over the pea mixture and gently stir to coat all the ingredients. Cover the salad and refrigerate it for at least 2 hours before serving.

## Old Fashioned Southern Burned Caramel Cake

1 cup vegetable shortening  
4 eggs, room temperature  
2 tsp. baking powder  
1 cup milk, room temperature

2 cups sugar  
3 cups all-purpose flour  
¼ tsp. salt  
2 tsp. vanilla extract

### Frosting

½ cup sugar (for burning)  
4 cups sugar  
1 cup milk

½ cup boiling water  
2 sticks margarine  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Preheat oven to 350\*. Cream shortening and sugar. Add eggs one at a time, beating well after each. Sift flour, baking powder, and salt together three times. Add alternately with milk to creamed mixture. Bake in greased and floured pans at 350\* about 30 – 35 minutes. Cool before frosting.

Frosting: Burn ½ cup sugar in an iron skillet. Add ½ cup boiling water to make syrup. Add 4 cups sugar, 2 sticks margarine, and 1 cup milk. Cook until soft ball stage. Remove from heat. Add 1 tsp. vanilla. Set pan in cold water and beat until thick enough to spread.

# Music Notes



## Standing on the Promises

1. Stand-ing on the prom-is-es of Christ my King, Thro' e - ter - nal a - ges  
2. Stand-ing on the prom-is-es that can - not fail, When the howling storms of  
3. Stand-ing on the prom-is-es of Christ the Lord, Bound to Him e - ter - nal -  
4. Stand-ing on the prom-is-es I can - not fall, Lis-t'ning ev - 'ry mo - ment

let His prais - es ring; Glo - ry in the high - est, I will shout and sing,  
doubt and fear as - sail, By the liv - ing word of God I shall pre - vail,  
ly by love's strong cord, O - ver - com - ing dai - ly with the Spir - it's sword,  
to the Spir - it's call, Rest - ing in my Sav - ior, as my all in all,

CHORUS  
Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God. Stand - - ing, stand - - ing,  
Standing on the promises, standing on the promises,

Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God my Sav - ior; Stand - - ing,  
Stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

stand - - ing, I'm stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.  
stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

## Standing on the Promises

1886

Russell Kelso Carter, author of this hymn, was an athlete, educator, rancher, preacher, and physician. Here is his condensed testimony:

From my birth in 1849, I was surrounded by Christian influences. My father stood nearly half a century in the rank of Christian workers in Baltimore; by his side I had the example of a patient, loving mother. I cannot remember when I was not subject to deep convictions of sin; yet as a school-boy, I wandered from the truth until the age of fifteen, when, under the influence of the cadet prayer-meeting in the Pennsylvania Military Academy I made a profession of faith in Jesus.

But I made a common mistake; I didn't forsake my old companions and habits for fourteen years I lived the up-and-down experience so familiar to the average church member. I never enjoyed myself so much as when working in Mr. Moody's meetings in Baltimore; yet even up to that time I was continually slipping and falling. My soul cried for deliverance, and God's *unlimited promises* stood out like stars above me. But I wasn't willing to pay the price.

In the summer of 1879, my heart, which had been chronically diseased for seven years, resisting the remedies of the physicians, and refusing to grow better even after three years of sheep-ranching in California, suddenly broke down so seriously as to bring me to the verge of the grave. I had heard of the "prayer of faith" for healing, but I felt persuaded it would border on blasphemy to ask God for a strength which I didn't propose to use wholly for Him.

Kneeling in my mother's room in Baltimore, I made a consecration that covered everything. All doubtful things were swept aside. I meant every word, and I have never had any doubts about it since. A quietness came over me and I found the Bible wonderfully open and marvelously satisfying, as it had never been before.

Feeling all the more impressed with God's healing promises, I concluded to go to Boston and ask prayer and anointing at the hands of Dr. Cullis. I was terribly weak, but I went. I will only add that I returned in three days, walking by faith, and not by feeling, resumed my collage work in September, and at once engaged in all kinds of religious work. I was healed by the power of God alone. Praise the Lord!

## ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE FOOD BANK

Cereal, ketchup, cake or brownie mix

## DAILY DEVOTIONALS

The Daily Devotionals for (July-September, 2024) are available in the narthex. Pick yours up or have someone get them for you.

## THE 2022 FLOWER & BULLETIN SPONSOR CHARTS

still have some openings. Please help by sponsoring them. *If no one sponsors them the money comes out of the general fund which is not budgeted.*

## A SPECIAL THANK YOU

We thank **all** of our church members who have been sending their offering envelopes through the postal system as well as coming to church in person to worship and donate that way.

## CHRISTMAS IN JULY



Welcome  
New Member

Please join me in welcoming....

Nathan Steinbach

Nathan has been worshipping with us for some time now, and we are so pleased that he has decided to formally join our church family.

Welcome to the Simeon Church

Family Nathan!!!!

Nathan's address is-

Nathan Steinbach

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## PRAYER REQUEST

**Members** – Mike Hartman, Celin Sitlinger, Jack Reed, Julie Ferster, Janet Rumpfelt, Barbara Klinger, Marie Lahr, Clair & Vivian Engle, David Hartman, Jim Neiswender

**Northern Dauphin Nursing & Rehab.** - Kenneth Mace

**Polk Apartments** - Martha Koppenhaver, Charles Schoffstall

**Friends & Family** – Tricia Hils Rebeck, Ken Keiter, Miriam Logan, Jon Bower, Jeff Latsha, Shirley Reed, Amanda Marie Beiler, Sheri Johns, Darlene Hain, Linda Sitlinger, Randy Rebeck, Blair Deitrich, Kathie Dresel, Dorothy Lettich Martin, Steve Dagen, Rahn Erdman, Jim Troutman