



MAY 2024 NEWSLETTER

Recently I came across this article. I have no idea who wrote this nor do I have any idea of when it was written. I have no history of the author or for whom it was written. It did, however, touch my heart. I share this during the month we celebrate, not only all mothers, but all women.

“Imagine With Me for a Moment”

“Imagine with me for a moment, if you had a beautiful painting in your home that was worth over a hundred thousand dollars because of the artist who had painted it. It was a one-of-a-kind masterpiece. The artist had put excellence into every stroke of his work. The colors were awesome. The depth perception was amazing. It was the final work of the artist who was abruptly killed in a car accident. You knew the painting was going to continue to increase in value. You gave it a place of honor in your home.

One day you come home and the lock on the door is broken. Petty thieves have broken into your home and stolen several electronic items and the painting. You report the items to the police. Fortunately for you, you had the items marked and numbered. A few weeks later, the police inform you that several of the items showed up at a large, local flea market. You go out in the rain in search of the painting hoping against hope that it was there.

You look and you look. Finally you see the frame of the painting sitting in some mud, in the rain with about five other pictures that you could purchase at any Salvation Army for less than ten dollars. The painting itself is now torn. It is obvious that whoever had taken the painting did little to protect it. There’s a shoe mark where someone stepped on it, and there is a hole where someone poked something hard in the back of it. There is a rip going across the bottom where something sharp had caught it.

As you see your magnificent piece of art laying there among cheap imitations, battered and bruised, what kind of thoughts go through your mind. Are you angry at what has been done to the picture? Are you angry at those who stole it and felt it was theirs to do with as they pleased? Do you feel sorry for the one who is trying to sell it at far less than its true value? Are you grateful that you found it and will have the opportunity to restore to its former position of excellence?

Saints, when it has come to the beautiful painting that we call women, far too often we have hijacked them for our own purposes, failed to realize their true value, and injured them in ways that have left them feeling stepped upon, wounded, stabbed and torn in various pieces. If you are a woman and you are feeling like this today, I want you to know there is a God who created you, who has been searching for you, and who is willing to heal you, mend you, put you back together again with the glory he intended for you to have. When you read the gospels, you discover that Jesus had a special place in his heart for women who were being used and trampled upon”.

Praise God for the women who have changed our lives for the better.

Grace & Blessings,
Pastor Brian

NEWS FROM SNAP

SNAP enjoyed a fun-filled April with bowling, bingo, a crafts session at the Hansford Center, cooking lessons, and a competitive game of cornhole in class. We celebrated a birthday at Tammy's Country Kitchen!

We are looking forward to May with bowling, bingo, and treating our mothers to a luncheon that we'll be preparing here at the church. We're also planning a trip to the Columbus Zoo and a special birthday celebration for someone near and dear to us.

As always, SNAP is grateful for your love and support, and we would like to take this opportunity to thank the family of Mac McCallister for their generous donation. If you would like to make a donation, please do so to: Special Needs Adult Program, Inc.

Did you know that we love visitors? If you would like to stop in to visit with us - to read a story or share an experience with us - we would love for you to come by.

Wishing everyone a wonderful May! Ms Ruth, Ms Wanda, Ms Linda & our SNAP Family



HANSFORD SENIOR Center invites you to visit, chat awhile and see what they offer. They have games, activities, classes, recreation and much more. Lunch is served daily.

The center is located at 500 Washington Street in St. Albans; phone is 304 722-4621.

There is bus service available. The Center closes at 4 PM.



Christ's Kitchen and Food Pantry Update

From: Lillian Kelly

I just wanted to give an update and share what is happening in the next few weeks. This information comes from Alan: the Food Pantry needs juice, jelly, syrup, hamburger helper, and Manwich.

On Saturday, May 11, the local postal workers will be gathering donations of food on their routes. (Bags should arrive at homes in advance of the time for use.) On May 11, from Noon until 5:30 PM, we will need volunteers to unload and sort food. Any amount of that time that you are available will be appreciated.

As part of the volunteers, we need individuals who can lift and move around heavy carts. Those of us who cannot lift heavy items can sort food for the pantry volunteers to put away the following week.

If you have strong grandchildren, neighbors, or friends that can help, bring them along.

Our data has shown that we seem to have settled into serving around 2,250 plates per month at Christ Kitchen and 150 to 160 families at the Food Pantry.

Thank you for helping us feed God's people.

Monthly requests for our church: from the Food Pantry include tea bags, small bottles of laundry detergent and/or small bottles of dish detergent, empty egg cartons (one dozen-sized) and paper grocery bags. Christ Kitchen needs 8 oz Styrofoam cups, corn, and canned potatoes.



MAY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS DATE

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ANNIVERSARIES

Caleb Bradley

05/08

Nathan and Rhodanna Hall III

05/12

Kay Craig

05/15

Richard and Norma King

05/30

Mark Ellis

05/10

Joe and Diana Taylor

05/03

Barbara Foster

05/20

Ruth Frame

05/17

Tim Henrich

05/26

Rae Lawson

05/08

Cynthia Maret

05/23

Teenie Morrison

05/24

Lee Ann Niday

05/13

Melanie Ogu

05/03

Tim Quinlan

05/13

Kay Rasmussen

05/01

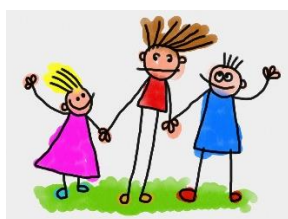
Gayle Rittenhouse

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The Scholarship Team met this past week-end and we now have available, on the church website, an updated scholarship application form. Please visit the church website Scholarship page to learn more about scholarship availability and how to apply.

The due date for submitting applications is May 15, 2024



Children's Corner

One Room Schoolhouse

Reminder that the church nursery is available for newborns to three years old.

In the same room, we also have a worship-related activity for children ages 4 to 11.

For more information, or to volunteer to be a worker in the nursery, please contact Bob Lilly at (304)382-4183.

WEDNESDAY SMALL GROUPS ONLY:

FOR YOUR INFORMATION: The ZOOM link has been changed to:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87096408438?pwd=UUh3bm1EREluT3BGNFJQVVpJaWVkdz09>

Meeting ID: 870 9640 8438

Password: 447031



MAY 2024 CALENDAR

May 3	All Day	Life Line Screening in Friendship Hall
May 5	4:44 PM	THE TABLE
May 9	11:00 AM	Fishermen Small Group in Wesley Classroom
May 14	6:30 PM	Trustees in the Parlor

There is to be an “Art for All” in May. We will send you updates on this activity.

Weekly:

SNAP - Mondays through Wednesdays from 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM

Karate – Mondays in Friendship Hall, 6:00 to 7:30 PM

Boy Scouts – Mondays in Cottrell Hall, 6:30 to 8:00 PM

Amy’s and Bob’s small groups – Wednesdays, on ZOOM 6:30 PM

Diana and Tim’s small group – Thursdays on ZOOM at 11:00 AM

Cub Scouts – Thursdays in Cottrell Hall, 6:30 to 7:30 PM

Choir Practice – Sunday mornings in Room 210, 9:30 AM



PRAYER REQUESTS May 1, 2024

Anna and David Estep

Gary and Barbara Asbury

Emma Gandee

Peg Henrich

Don and Anna Nichols
Rev. Jarrold & Debbie Lanham
Allison Hubbard-Jones
Bob Hubbard and Family
Dan Rittenhouse
Jill Taylor, friend of John Danford
Libby Lamp Thompson
Peggy White's brother, James Donahew
Elizabeth Arney, friend of Joanne Hart
Eric McAllister (and wife Joyce), friends of Leigh Long
Phillip Hutchison, Oscar's brother
Shea Kagan, friend of Leigh Long, having surgery soon
John Poke, cousin of Herk McGraw
Tammy Phillips, friend of Kathy Stalnaker
Violet Wagoner, 93 y.o. mother of Kathy Stalnaker's neighbor
David Withrow and wife, Gwen, nephew of Mike Withrow
Richard Halstead (and wife, Susie) by Leigh Long
Pat Hardman, Sheila Radochio's aunt
Gary Bonnett by Sheila Radochio
Doug Carter by Mary Lou Lilly
Freda Landers, friend of Mary Lou Lilly
Bill Evans, brother of Margaret Theodos
Mike Sublette, surgery, by wife, Tammy Sublette
Ryan Salters, son-in-law of Tammy Sublette, wife of Amy
Linda Miller by Leigh Long
Darrell McGraw by cousin, Herk McGraw
The family of Casey Stribling on her passing by Linda Miller
Dionesia Blair, Jonae's grandmother

Keshaun Hall-Miller by Jonae

Roger and Mary Jo Nichols by Lois Downey

Randi Robinson

PLEASE CONTACT RANDI ROBINSON DIRECTLY WITH
PRAYER REQUESTS. (304)206-6172.
