

Pastor Anne's Message, July 2024

"Hometown Nazareth ~ Where Jesus Was A Kid!"
Our 2024 Vacation Bible School Program.

WHO: 23 Beautiful Children; 20+ Dedicated Adult Teachers & Helpers; 4 Talented Youth; Parents and Families.

WHAT: Vacation Bible School ~ where we learned all about Jesus and that He had a family, He had a name, He had a home, He went to church, and He served others AND WE DO TOO!! What an awesome message and learning for everyone!

WHEN: It was held: June 19 – 21, 2024. Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 9:00AM to 12:00PM. The Kid's Program of Sharing Songs, Bible Verses, and the Heifer Project Offering/Mission was on Friday, at 11:30AM. Thank you to ALL the parents and families who attended. The kid's enthusiasm was contagious! Great JOB!! The yummy hot dog lunch rounded out a super special three days.

WHERE: Collbran Congregational, United Church of Christ Church. Many rooms and spaces, including our Sanctuary, Classrooms, Gym, Dining Room, and Mother's Park were filled with activities; crafts; tie-dying t-shirts; making beads; decorating frames for Kid's Photos; murals created and much more! Singing and more singing, Bible Verses and Bible Points learned and recited; games played; snacks enjoyed; and social time to interact with all kids and adults.

WHY: Our Children and Youth are the promise and hope of the present and the future!! We are dedicated to investing our time, teaching, kid's education, love, and service to the Plateau Valley Community through our annual Vacation Bible School. All are welcome!

A HUGE **THANK YOU** to ALL INVOLVED!! Blessings to everyone!

In His Name, Pastor Anne



Trustees Report

The Trustees met to discuss what projects to complete this year. There are always so many things needed to keep the building and grounds looking nice and the building in good repair.

The Trustees will present their suggestions to the Church Council at the July 8th meeting. They decided to present the replacement of the windows in the Overflow room. These windows have become dangerous in that the upper windows can suddenly fall down potentially injuring someone. There is heat loss around the windows, as well. The estimated cost of the four replacement windows is \$2800.00.

Sue Bellotti was asked to get bids on replacing the chain link fence at Mother's Park along Elm Street. They would like to install a gate to make clearing the large cement patio of the snow easier to keep it away from the basement wall and windows. There is evidence of water damage in the dining room all along the north wall.

Other projects that were discussed included the replacement of the sliding folding doors in the dining room. They are wearing out and are unable to be restored another time. This makes getting to the tables and chairs for parties or church events difficult. The sign at the south side of the church is old, and a new replacement needs to be built. It is felt that the style, in its simplicity, compliments the old church building, and they don't want an electronic sign. A solid ramp needs to be built for access from the Sanctuary into the Overflow room to replace the less stable metal one that was installed several years ago to make the building more handicap accessible.

Trustees

Sue Bellotti, Mike Loftus, Julia Cox, and Tilda Evans

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