

# Sandpiper

## July Worship Schedule

No Sunday School for the Summer  
Summer Worship at 9:30am



## The Heart of Christ

Have you ever considered the various portrayals of Jesus? Some people would point to the miraculous healings and exorcisms and wonder why we don't see that today. Others would point to the "really nice guy" mentality. Still others point to Jesus overturning the tables of the moneychangers, justifying a macho, in-your-face kind of Christian life. Another common one would be the Jesus who is always watching, always trying to find problems and sin where he can declare judgment. Dane Ortlund, in his book, *Gentle and Lowly*, looks at the heart of Christ. He says in the introduction, "This book is written for the discouraged, the frustrated, the weary, the disenchanted, the cynical, the empty. Those running on fumes. Those whose Christian lives feel like constantly running up a descending escalator. Those of us

who find ourselves thinking: 'How could I mess up that bad—again?'" Have you ever felt that way? Jesus says in Matthew 11:29, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

The heart of Christ is a heart for weary souls who have tried everything to get ahead or simply to find grace and peace. When we are at the end of our rope, this is when our shepherd can wrap his loving arms around us and remind us how deeply we are loved by him. Over the summer, this is what we will be learning about on Sunday mornings, the heart of Christ. This isn't a heart of condemnation or bravado or in-your-face. The heart of Christ is a heart of grace and refreshment. This is the shepherd of Psalm 23 where it says, "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake."

Are you feeling discouraged? Frustrated? Weary? Disenchanted? Cynical? Running on fumes? We can experience the heart of Christ through what is called the ordinary means of grace, such as scripture, prayer, and communion. Read about the heart of Christ in scripture, go to our Lord in prayer, and experience his grace through communion. We each need his living water for our thirsty souls. The Puritan author, Thomas Goodwin writes, "Christ gets more joy and comfort than we do when we come to him for help and mercy." Let Christ experience the joy of renewing your weary heart as you experience the grace of Christ, whose heart is gentle and lowly.

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### **Article Deadline Note:**

Please turn in any articles or announcements for the Sandpiper to Carolyn Slingerland by the **22<sup>nd</sup> of each month. You can e-mail them to [middlesandy@frontier.com](mailto:middlesandy@frontier.com).**

# Sands Through the Hourglass...

The musical red, white and blue sands  
sifting through the July Hour 🕒 Glass sing,

"It's a long, long road to freedom.",

and it was for our forefathers who fought for  
and gained independence for us on July 4th 1776.

The lyrics above were sung by the Skylarks for  
our 200th celebration..good memories. 😊

Pastor Marc and Kim Shefelton, the congregation  
of Middle Sandy want you to know that our hearts  
ache for you in your most recent loss, that of Kim's  
dad George Brewster, so soon after your mother's  
passing. As the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, consoles  
you, prayerfully, you will recall fond comforting  
memories, which are the legacy of love.

Volumes of words are needed to unfold the  
sincere gratitude to be meted out to every person  
who helped with the 200th Anniversary Celebration  
of Middle Sandy EPC on June 6th. Now, we need to  
put forth as much effort in obeying Jesus' words that  
Pastor Marc shared on June 19th, from Mark 16:15-  
16. "Go into all the world (Homeworth and the  
surrounding areas) and proclaim the Good News to  
all creation."

So, now, as you are reading this issue, the  
Mission Trippers are on their way to Lexington,  
Ohio, toward their 2022 job sites. We pray God's  
blessings on each of them as they are obeying Jesus'  
word to "Go"--putting their faith into action. Many  
thanks to Lenny Neiderheiser, Dave Socotch, Amy  
Wagner, Pam Miller, Dorothy Burbick, Megan  
Hampe and two of Megan's nieces, for being our  
"Go-ffers".

Do you want any of your photos or other  
memorabilia you shared for the 200th ? Items are  
sorted and (hopefully) correctly grouped with the  
names of their categories. They are on the table in  
the room upstairs across from the men's restroom.  
Things will be left there until July 18th. Take yours,  
and what is left will be placed into a container for  
the 225th anniversary on November 10th, 2047. I'll  
cheer you on from a'far--😊

Barbara Bansberg Scheid's mother, Ruth Scott  
Bansberg, saved the newsletters from the Western  
Columbiana County Historical Society from the  
1970's and 1980's. Johnston sisters, Hallie Jones and  
Rosanna McGee, who made our Green Book  
available, and Mildred McQuilkin edited the  
newsletters. Barbara gave them to me to read and  
enjoy. In closing, here is one of the enjoyable and  
meaningful articles from January 1979---what do  
you recall from that date? 😊

I Am Only Onx Pxrson

Xvxn though my typxwritxr is an old modxl, it  
works quitx wxll xxcxpt for onx of thx kxys. It is  
trux that thrx arx forty-six kxys that function wxll  
xnough, but just onx kxy not working, makxs thx  
diffxrxncx.

You may say to yoursxlf, wxll, I am only onx  
pxrson. But, you sxx, thx association (church)  
nxxds thx activx participation of xvxy mxmbrx.

So thx nxxt timx you think you arx only onx  
pxrson and that you arx not nxxdxd, rxmxxmbrx my  
typxwritxr and say to yoursxlf, I am a kxy pxrson  
and nxxdxd vxer much.

Join in worship (9:30) and activitixs at Middlx  
Sandy-- yxs, you arx nxxdxd!!

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🎵SCHOOL DAYS🎵, 🎵SCHOOL DAYS 🎵  
🎵BACK PACKS FILLED  
IN MANY WAYS🎵

Back packs filled by MS folks is a new project  
of Presbyterian Women. Here are the details:  
1) donations needed: back packs, school supplies or  
money to treasurer Pam Miller to buy items  
2) gifts will be given on Sun., Aug 7th from 11  
a.m.-1 p.m. at the pavilion  
3) your gift items need to be in the fellowship hall  
by noon on Fri., Aug. 5th for sorting  
4) entire area families of school-age children  
will be invited, as well as MS folks  
5) a picnic-type lunch will be served to every one  
present  
6) kids' lawn games are needed for their  
entertainment---

Let Vicki Smith (330-2051240) know if you can  
provide a game for the day.

Thank you 🙌 all for helping to reach out 🙌 to  
others!

# OUR PRAYER CONCERNS



We encourage you to send a card or letter to one or two each month. Addresses are available in the church directory or in the church office.

## **Continuing health needs:**

Diane Sanor (auto immune disorder)  
Carter Schopfer (Joe & Susie's grandson)

## **Military Service:**

Brian Burbick (Back in Yokosuka, Japan after 6 month deployment)  
Garrett Floyd (A specialist in the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne at Fort Bragg in NC, Sarah Mason's fiance)  
Eric W. Hampe (Home in Louisville)  
John Hampe (Home from Okinawa Japan)  
Ryan P. Lee (Fort Bragg)  
Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Teddi Ferguson Lee (Ryan Lee's wife) Assigned to the Army Inspector General-Ohio Army National Guard  
SPC Joe Smythe (Ft. Benning Georgia)  
Jason Snyder (Ft. Bliss, El Paso, TX.) (Carole Mathey's grandson)  
Jon Pagnucco (Jane Stryffeler's grandson) – Navy (Alexandria, VA)

## **Our Missionaries - for Holy Spirit protection and great perseverance in their work.**

Jeff & Natasha Bain (*EPC missionaries in Asia*)  
Abe & Diane Bible (*Missionaries to the Ukraine*)  
Lisa Smith (at home)  
Paul & Reinhild Sydnor (*ministry to refugees in Lille, France and Malta*)



## **Birthdays**

### **Name - Date**

Elizabeth Mason – 2  
Chong Min Bush – 6  
Anna Mapes - 13  
Alec Schopfer – 16  
Jodi Snyder – 29  
Carolyn Slingerland – 29  
Andrew McCain – 30

## **Anniversaries**

### **Couple – Date**

Michael & Vanessa Emmons - 5  
Cam & Wendy Weese - 10  
Scott & Sheryl Mason – 20

**Happy  
4<sup>th</sup>  
Of July!**

