

"The earth dries up and withers, the world languishes and withers; the heavens languish together with the earth. The earth lies polluted under its inhabitants; for they have transgressed laws, violated the statutes, broken the everlasting covenant. Therefore a curse devours the earth, and its inhabitants suffer for their guilt; therefore the inhabitants of the earth dwindled, and few people are left" (Isaiah 24:4-6).

Isaiah speaks a devastating judgement and condemnation of the people of his day for their destruction of the environment. Even though this was written thousands of years ago it sounds eerily familiar. Today, we know that the level of destruction to our environment and climate is vastly greater than it was in Isaiah's time. It seems humans have always struggled to uphold their side of the covenant with God. The sin is the same, but now we have fossil fuels at our disposal and significantly more power to destroy God's Earth.

As the earth suffers through record heat in many places, as we experience more violent storms, more serious drought, and more extreme fluctuations in temperature, we turn a blind eye at our own peril, and the lives of future generations.

God calls us to be caretakers of the earth. What changes might each of us make in our own lives so that instead of the harsh judgment of Isaiah, we might hear instead, "Well done, good and faithful servant."?

Pastor Ray



Prayers as you begin your journey at OSSM.





August 6 What Is the Real Miracle?

August 13 Walking on Water

August 20 Getting Out of God's Way

August 27 Gifted and Called



AUGUST

Kum Ba Yah aka Kum Ba Zoom

We meet every Wednesday on ZOOM for fellowship, study and prayer. 7:00 PM. The link to the Zoom Meeting is sent in the Wednesday eMail each week.

Kum Ba Yah topics:

August 2 Matthew 26

August 9 Matthew 27

August 16 Matthew 28

August 23 The Screwtape Letters 1-2

August 30 The Screwtape Letters 3-6

Adult Sunday School

Sundays at 9:30am on Zoom and in Person!

August 6 Fast Food Faith #1

August 13 Fast Food Faith #2

August 20 Fast Food Faith #3

August 27 Fast Food Faith #4

BACKPACK PROGRAM

We are grateful for the leadership of Dave Foster and Janice Johnson who organize our weekly food program with children at Roosevelt Elementary School. From the beginning of the school year until the end of the school year we delivered **721** backpack bags.

We would like to thank all the volunteers for their hard work and dedication this past year. We look forward to working with you again in the next school year. If you have not helped with this ministry before and want info please get a hold of Dave Foster or the office.



MISSION COMMITTEE

The Mission Committee met on June 20, 2023. They decided to give in Local Missions this month **\$1,000.00 to the Food Pantry.**

The Mission program is sustained in part by gifts from the Myers Sisters bequest as well as gifts from members. You can designate gifts to "Local Mission" or "Global Mission".

The Deacon's Shoe ministry has already given out **28** pairs of shoes since the beginning of the year.

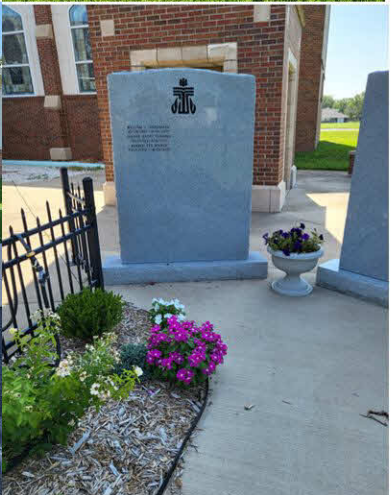
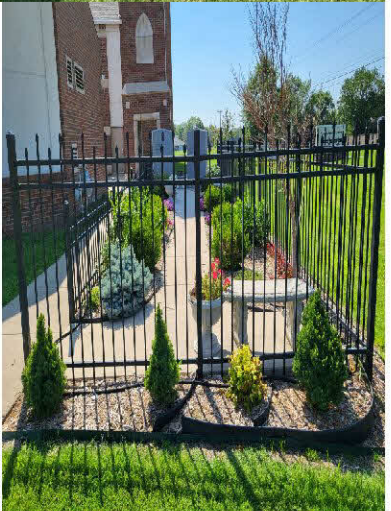
Food Pantry: Since the beginning of the year the food pantry has handed out **246** bags of food through the end of May. We gave **55** bags out in the month of June alone.





**Thank You!
John & Sarah
(& Emma)**

The Memorial Garden, trees,
and new planters in the front
of the Church look
AMAZING!



2023

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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | 1 10-12 Food Pantry | 2 10-12 Food Pantry | 3 10-12 Food Pantry | 4 10-12 Food Pantry | 5 |
| 6 9:15 am Breakfast 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Fellowship 12:00 Berkeley High Tea | 7 10-12 Food Pantry  | 8 10-12 Food Pantry | 9 10-12 Food Pantry | 10 10-12 Food Pantry | 11 10-12 Food Pantry | 12 |
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| | | | 7:00 KumBaZoom | 2:30 Backpack packing  | 7:00 GA | |



- Ghost Gray8/1 Kathleen Prince8/5
- Irene Waylan8/3 Summer King8/5
- John Gray8/3 Bill Hancock8/8
- John Lomax8/4 Autumn Fuhrman8/21
- Curtis Everhart8/4

Should your name be here?
Please let the office know your birth date so we can include you!

AUGUST

August 5-12

Ottawa County
Fairgrounds



Ottawa County Fair

August 25-26

Ottawa County
Fairgrounds



Miami Rodeo

August 27

The Coleman
Theatre



Classic Movie: A League of
Their Own, with pre-movie
talk with Gina Casey*

*(All-American Girls Professional Baseball
League for 12 years)

| Servers in the Lord's House | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| | Coffee Host | Backpack |
| August 6 | Berkeley's High Tea | Aug 31..... Open |
| August 13 | Open | |
| August 20 | Open | |
| August 27 | Open | |
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Please call the office or talk to Pastor Ray to sign up for servers slots!



Dana Crow plays the organ for Grace Presbyterian Church in Grove. During the week he comes here to the church to practice. While practicing one day Dana mentioned that the hospital is in need of more volunteers.

If you would like to become a volunteer at the hospital please contact either:

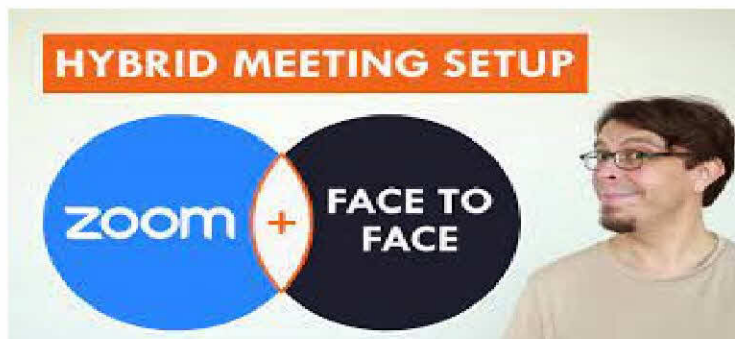
Dana Crow - 918-919-2047
 Or
 Erin Moudy - 918-540-7104

FOOD PANTRY



Food Pantry

We have seen a marked increase in the number of households being served through our food pantry and the cost of food has nearly doubled in the last two years. Government food benefits have been cut, prices are up, people are suffering, and we are struggling to keep up! We are adjusting the contents of the emergency food bag and creating ways to increase donations. We appreciate your help and your prayers.



KUM BA ZOOM to be hybrid. Beginning in July we will add an in-person option for our Wednesday night Bible study. Join us online, or join us in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00pm every Wednesday.



DeMaris Celeste Rector

*Piano Player
Harp Player
Choir Director*

*A woman anointed to lead the
people of God into His
presence with the gift of music*

Thank you for your hard work and dedication!

Our praise and worship wouldn't be the same without you.

Psalm 150

Praise for God's Surpassing Greatness

¹ Praise the LORD!

Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty firmament!^[a]

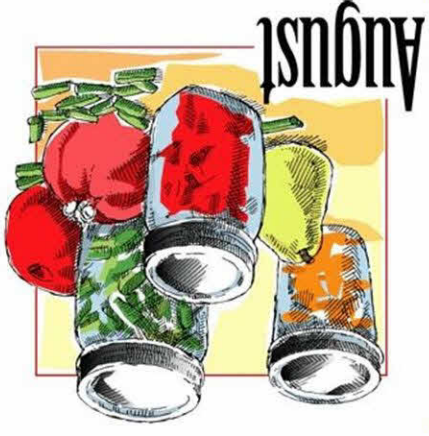
² Praise him for his mighty deeds;
praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

³ Praise him with trumpet sound;
praise him with lute and harp!

⁴ Praise him with tambourine and dance;
praise him with strings and pipe!

⁵ Praise him with clanging cymbals;
praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

⁶ Let everything that breathes praise the LORD!



Zephaniah 3:17 (NRSV):
The LORD, your God, is in your midst,
a warrior who gives victory;
he will rejoice over you with gladness,
he will renew you in his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing



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