



2020 Emmanuel UCC Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Alexis White	2	3	4	5 Katie Heinze
6 Brad Fruchey Colin Moser Wes Moser Max Moser	7	8	9	10 Megan Fett	11	12 Men's Breakfast Lulu's 8 am Griffin Stackhouse
Rally Day 13 Confirmation Communion Recognition of 50+ year members	14 Consistory 6:30pm	15	16 Jim Painter	17	18	19 Lois Goodman Angelica Williams
20 Wade Oberly Cassie Weyer Shawwna Koenig	21 Fred Andrews	22 Zoey Cottrell Stacie Palte	23 Mae Lankston	24 Ivy Shepler Rich Cartwright	25	26
27 Jackson Bowlus	28	29	30			

National
Grandparent's
Day
Sept. 13

Birthdays



August Newsletter from Consistory President:

Message from the consistory

During the last couple of months there have been an array of challenges related to shepherding our church during this COVID 19 pandemic. There was the decision to open our doors again which included the following: Logistics-is it better to have service inside or outside; social distancing-spread out seating-no handshakes or hugs; should we or should we not require masks; to sing or not to sing; should we resume Sunday school classes, and recently the decision to rent out the fellowship hall to outside people. These decisions have not been taken lightly by the Consistory.

Some of our church members find it personally difficult, or some even maddening, to have to wear a mask and having to social distance. They may think these precautions are a needless overreaction. We also have members that are scared and uncomfortable with physical gatherings but they appreciate the precautions we have taken so that they can attend the in-person service each week allowing them to leave their home. And we have those who choose to stay home for their health or are unable to attend for other reasons.

The Consistory is trying to honor all of the people on all sides of the spectrum. Please understand that there are going to have to be sacrifices made by all. We have chosen to try and protect our church family during the Sunday in-person services by asking those in attendance to follow the government guidelines and restrictions and we will continue to stream the online services (even after this pandemic is over). Following the COVID 19 guidelines, we will be starting up the adult Sunday school classes and Book/Bible Study in September, and will be discussing the Children's Sunday school program at our next Consistory meeting. Even with these precautions, please understand that there are always going to be risks in being together.

I was told that there is a concern regarding the Jazzercise classes being held in the Fellowship Hall. When we were approached with this request to rent out our facility, the Consistory felt that this would not impose on the health and welfare of our members since classes were not being held during our Sunday worship service. During each of their classes, the leaders of the Jazzercise group are following COVID 19 guidelines that are required for their type of business. We have several members of our congregation that participate in these classes and have verified to me that these measures are being taken. We have a written contract with them and they have agreed to pay for any damages to the floor if needed, and they will cancel classes when we are in need of the Fellowship hall.

I always have to look for guidance in writing my letters because I have difficulty in expressing my thoughts. I recently found an article that I am going to quote from: "Church members should model Christlike humility (i.e.. Phil 2:3) in how they react to the plans outlined by leaders, even if they don't agree with every aspect of it. Let's model humility by acknowledging that everything is not obvious, and we are all just trying to do the best we can". As a side note, we do have 2 members who will be coming off Consistory so please feel free to let us know if you would be interested in being on the committee.

Folks, we are all in this together. Don't let COVID-19 divide us. Patience is needed at this time, as many of us are antsy to get back to normalcy as soon as possible. Those who are not comfortable with physical gatherings should be patient with those of us who are, and vice versa. We need to be patient with a timeline that might be slower than we would prefer (i.e. resuming Sunday School classes, social gatherings, Fish Fry etc); patient with a reopening process that will be clunky, patient with the Consistory feeling the pressure of this situation; and patient with one another as we figure out the new normal.

"Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer". Romans 12:12.

Julie Oberly, Consistory President

Current Consistory Members

Elders: Bev Shepler, Erin Stark, Kelli Fruchey, John Motter

Deacons: Dick Baker, Jaret Geiser, Kristen Parkins, Julie Oberly

Rally Day
Sunday, Sept 13
Riley Stark & Ryan Lutz
Confirmation & Communion
Recognition of members
50 + years



**Celebrating 50 Year
Membership in 2020**

Barbara Reichenbach
Barbara (Oberly) Schmitz
Kathy (Anderson) Coburn

If you would like to sign up to host coffee and pastries before worship one Sunday for the month of September or October there is a sign-up sheet. If you would like to provide a pastry and not be here please call the church 419-358-1561.

Mennonite Home communities is having a Chicken BBQ Fundraiser
(for purchase of a new Transport Van)
September 26
4:00-6:00pm
\$8.00
Tickets available now thru Sept. 20
You can contact Val Eikenbary 419-205-8712
or Renee Caskie 419-358-1561

Men's Breakfast at Lulu's
Sat. Sept. 12
8:00am

Praying the
SCRIPTURES
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9/6 – Ex. 12:1-14
9/13 – Ex. 14:19-31
9/20 – Ex. 16:2-15
9/27 – Ex. 17:1-7