***August-September, 2025***

***Bascom Community Church***

***Worship on Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m.***

***Sunday School at 9:30 a.m***

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***August-September Dates to Remember***

***August 3*** Communion Sunday 10:30 a.m.

***August 9*** Men’s Breakfast at GW’s Fine Foods 9:00 a.m.

**August 12**  Administrative Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.

***August 23*** Terry Vitt Celebration of Life and luncheon 11:00 a.m.

***August 27*** First Day of School at Hopewell-Loudon

***August 31*** Last day to turn in calendar routes

***Sept. 1*** Labor Day

***Sept. 6*** Men’s Breakfast TBA 9:00 a.m.

***Sept. 7*** Communion Sunday 10:30 a.m.

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Pastor Dean will be on vacation from July 28th through August 3rd.

Nick Reinhard will be providing the message on Sunday, August 3rd in his absence.

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***Scripture Readings for August-September, 2025***

These Scriptures go along with the pastor’s weekly sermons.

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| *Friday***1 Aug 2025**   ORDINARY[Colossians 3](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=COLOSSIANS+3)[Ecclesiastes 4](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=ECCLESIASTES+4) | *Saturday***2 Aug 2025**   ORDINARY[Luke 12:1-21](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=LUKE+12:1-21)[Colossians 4](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=COLOSSIANS+4) | *Sunday***3 Aug 2025**   C PROPER 13(18)[{ Hosea 11:1-11](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=HOSEA+11:1-11)[Psalm 107:1-9,43](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+107:1-9,43)*or*[Ecclesiastes 1:2,12-14; 2:18-23](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=ECCLESIASTES+1:2,12-14;2:18-23)[Psalm 49:1-12 }](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+49:1-12)[Colossians 3:1-11](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=COLOSSIANS+3:1-11)[Luke 12:13-21](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=LUKE+12:13-21)*(PM, see next Sunday)* |
| *Monday***4 Aug 2025**   ORDINARY[Isaiah 1](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=ISAIAH+1)[Ecclesiastes 5](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=ECCLESIASTES+5) | *Tuesday***5 Aug 2025**   ORDINARY[Psalm 50](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+50)[Ecclesiastes 6](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=ECCLESIASTES+6) | *Wednesday***6 Aug 2025**   ORDINARY[Genesis 15](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=GENESIS+15)[Ecclesiastes 7](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=ECCLESIASTES+7) | *Thursday***7 Aug 2025**   ORDINARY[Psalm 33](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+33)[Ecclesiastes 8](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=ECCLESIASTES+8) | *Friday***8 Aug 2025**   ORDINARY[Hebrews 11:1-22](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=HEBREWS+11:1-22)[Ecclesiastes 9](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=ECCLESIASTES+9) | *Saturday***9 Aug 2025**   ORDINARY[Luke 12:22-48](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=LUKE+12:22-48)[Ecclesiastes 10](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=ECCLESIASTES+10) | *Sunday***10 Aug 2025**   C PROPER 14(19)[{ Isaiah 1:1,10-20](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=ISAIAH+1:1,10-20)[Psalm 50:1-8,22-23](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+50:1-8,22-23)*or*[Genesis 15:1-6](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=GENESIS+15:1-6)[Psalm 33:12-22 }](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+33:12-22)[Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=HEBREWS+11:1-3,8-16)[Luke 12:32-40](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=LUKE+12:32-40)*(PM, see next Sunday)* |
| *Monday***11 Aug 2025**   ORDINARY[Isaiah 5:1-7](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=ISAIAH+5:1-7)[Ecclesiastes 11](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=ECCLESIASTES+11) | *Tuesday***12 Aug 2025**   ORDINARY[Psalm 80](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+80)[Ecclesiastes 12](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=ECCLESIASTES+12) | *Wednesday***13 Aug 2025**   ORDINARY[Jeremiah 23:9-32](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JEREMIAH+23:9-32)[*(Psalm 117)*](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+117) | *Thursday***14 Aug 2025**   ORDINARY[Psalm 82](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+82)[*(Psalm 118)*](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+118) | *Friday***15 Aug 2025**   ORDINARY[Hebrews 11:23-12:13](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=HEBREWS+11:23-12:13)[*(Psalm 119:1-88)*](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+119:1-88) | *Saturday***16 Aug 2025**   ORDINARY[Luke 12:49-59](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=LUKE+12:49-59)[*(Psalm 119:89-176)*](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+119:89-176) | *Sunday***17 Aug 2025**   C PROPER 15(20)[{ Isaiah 5:1-7](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=ISAIAH++5:1-7)[Psalm 80:1-2,8-19](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+80:1-2,8-19)*or*[Jeremiah 23:23-29](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JEREMIAH+23:23-29)[Psalm 82 }](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM++82)[Hebrews 11:29-12:2](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=HEBREWS+11:29-12:2)[Luke 12:49-56](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=LUKE+12:49-56)*(PM, see next Sunday)* |
| *Monday***18 Aug 2025**   ORDINARY[Jeremiah 1](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JEREMIAH+1)[*(Psalm 120)*](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+120) | *Tuesday***19 Aug 2025**   ORDINARY[Psalm 71](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+71)[Jeremiah 2 & 3](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JEREMIAH+2;3) | *Wednesday***20 Aug 2025**   ORDINARY[Isaiah 58](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=ISAIAH+58)[Jeremiah 4 & 5](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JEREMIAH+4;5) | *Thursday***21 Aug 2025**   ORDINARY[Psalm 103](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+103)[Jeremiah 6 & 7](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JEREMIAH+6;7) | *Friday***22 Aug 2025**   ORDINARY[Hebrews 12:14-29](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=HEBREWS+12:14-29)[Jeremiah 8 & 9](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JEREMIAH+8;9) | *Saturday***23 Aug 2025**   ORDINARY[Luke 13](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=LUKE+13)[Jeremiah 10 & 11](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JEREMIAH+10;11) | *Sunday***24 Aug 2025**   C PROPER 16(21)[{ Jeremiah 1:4-10](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JEREMIAH+1:4-10)[Psalm 71:1-6](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+71:1-6)*or*[Isaiah 58:9b-14](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=ISAIAH+58:9-14)[Psalm 103:1-8 }](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+103:1-8)[Hebrews 12:18-29](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=HEBREWS+12:18-29)[Luke 13:10-17](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=LUKE+13:10-17)*(PM, see next Sunday)* |
| *Monday***25 Aug 2025**   ORDINARY[Jeremiah 2:4-13](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JEREMIAH+2:4-13)[Jeremiah 12](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JEREMIAH+12) | *Tuesday***26 Aug 2025**   ORDINARY[Psalm 81](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+81)[Jeremiah 13](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JEREMIAH+13) | *Wednesday***27 Aug 2025**   ORDINARY[Proverbs 25:6-8](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PROVERBS+25:6-8)[Jeremiah 14](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JEREMIAH+14) | *Thursday***28 Aug 2025**   ORDINARY[Psalm 112](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+112)[Jeremiah 15](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JEREMIAH+15) | *Friday***29 Aug 2025**   ORDINARY[Hebrews 13](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=HEBREWS+13)[Jeremiah 16](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JEREMIAH+16) | *Saturday***30 Aug 2025**   ORDINARY[Luke 14:1-24](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=LUKE+14:1-24)[Jeremiah 17](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JEREMIAH+17) | *Sunday***31 Aug 2025**   C PROPER 17(22)[{ Jeremiah 2:4-13](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JEREMIAH++2:4-13)[Psalm 81:1,10-16](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+81:1,10-16)*or*[Proverbs 25:6-7](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PROVERBS+25:6-7)[Psalm 112 }](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM++112)[Hebrews 13:1-8,15-16](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=HEBREWS+13:1-8,15-16)[Luke 14:1,7-14](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=LUKE+14:1,7-14)*(PM, see next Sunday)* |
| *Monday***1 Sep 2025**   ORDINARY[Jeremiah 18](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JEREMIAH+18)[*(Psalm 121)*](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+121) | *Tuesday***2 Sep 2025**   ORDINARY[Psalm 139](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+139)[Jeremiah 19](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JEREMIAH+19) | *Wednesday***3 Sep 2025**   ORDINARY[Deuteronomy 30:11-20](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=DEUTERONOMY+30:11-20)[Jeremiah 20](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JEREMIAH+20) | *Thursday***4 Sep 2025**   ORDINARY[Psalm 1](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+1)[Jeremiah 21](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JEREMIAH+21) | *Friday***5 Sep 2025**   ORDINARY[Philemon](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PHILEMON+)[Jeremiah 22](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JEREMIAH+22) | *Saturday***6 Sep 2025**   ORDINARY[Luke 14:25-35](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=LUKE+14:25-35)[Jeremiah 23](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JEREMIAH+23) | *Sunday***7 Sep 2025**   C PROPER 18(23)[{ Jeremiah 18:1-11](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JEREMIAH+18:1-11)[Psalm 139:1-6,13-18](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+139:1-6,13-18)*or*[Deuteronomy 30:15-20](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=DEUTERONOMY+30:15-20)[Psalm 1 }](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM++1)[Philemon 1-21](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PHILEMON+1-21)[Luke 14:25-33](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=LUKE+14:25-33)*(PM, see next Sunday)* |
| *Monday***8 Sep 2025**   ORDINARY[Jeremiah 4:9-31](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JEREMIAH+4:9-31)[Jeremiah 24](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JEREMIAH+24) | *Tuesday***9 Sep 2025**   ORDINARY[Psalm 14](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+14)[Jeremiah 25](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JEREMIAH+25) | *Wednesday***10 Sep 2025**   ORDINARY[Exodus 32:1-33:6](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=EXODUS+32:1-33:6)[Jeremiah 26](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JEREMIAH+26) | *Thursday***11 Sep 2025**   ORDINARY[Psalm 51](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+51)[Jeremiah 27](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JEREMIAH+27) | *Friday***12 Sep 2025**   ORDINARY[1 Timothy 1](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=1+TIMOTHY+1)[Jeremiah 28](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JEREMIAH+28) | *Saturday***13 Sep 2025**   ORDINARY[Luke 15](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=LUKE+15)[Jeremiah 29](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JEREMIAH+29) | *Sunday***14 Sep 2025**   C PROPER 19(24)[{ Jeremiah 4:11-12,22-28](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JEREMIAH+4:11-12,22-28)[Psalm 14](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM++14)*or*[Exodus 32:7-14](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=EXODUS+32:7-14)[Psalm 51:1-10 }](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+51:1-10)[1 Timothy 1:12-17](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=1+TIMOTHY+1:12-17)[Luke 15:1-10](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=LUKE+15:1-10)*(PM, see next Sunday)* |
| *Monday***15 Sep 2025**   ORDINARY[Jeremiah 8:4-9:26](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JEREMIAH+8:4-9:26)[Jeremiah 30](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JEREMIAH+30) | *Tuesday***16 Sep 2025**   ORDINARY[Psalm 79](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+79)[Jeremiah 31](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JEREMIAH+31) | *Wednesday***17 Sep 2025**   ORDINARY[Amos 8](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=AMOS+8)[*(Psalm 122)*](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+122) | *Thursday***18 Sep 2025**   ORDINARY[Psalm 113](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+113)[*(Psalm 123)*](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+123) | *Friday***19 Sep 2025**   ORDINARY[1 Timothy 2](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=1+TIMOTHY+2)[*(Psalm 124)*](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+124) | *Saturday***20 Sep 2025**   ORDINARY[Luke 16:1-18](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=LUKE+16:1-18)[1 Timothy 3](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=1+TIMOTHY+3) | *Sunday***21 Sep 2025**   C PROPER 20(25)[{ Jeremiah 8:18-9:1](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JEREMIAH+8:18-9:1)[Psalm 79:1-9](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+79:1-9)*or*[Amos 8:4-7](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=AMOS+8:4-7)[Psalm 113 }](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM++113)[1 Timothy 2:1-7](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=1+TIMOTHY+2:1-7)[Luke 16:1-13](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=LUKE+16:1-13)*(PM, see next Sunday)* |
| *Monday***22 Sep 2025**   ORDINARY[Jeremiah 32 & 33](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JEREMIAH+32;33)[*(Psalm 125)*](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+125) | *Tuesday***23 Sep 2025**   ORDINARY[Psalm 91](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+91)[Jeremiah 34 & 35](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JEREMIAH+34;35) | *Wednesday***24 Sep 2025**   ORDINARY[Amos 6:1-7](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=AMOS+6:1-7)[1 Timothy 4](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=1+TIMOTHY+4) | *Thursday***25 Sep 2025**   ORDINARY[Psalm 146](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+146)[1 Timothy 5](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=1+TIMOTHY+5) | *Friday***26 Sep 2025**   ORDINARY[1 Timothy 6](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=1+TIMOTHY+6)[Jeremiah 36](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JEREMIAH+36) | *Saturday***27 Sep 2025**   ORDINARY[Luke 16:19-31](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=LUKE+16:19-31)[Jeremiah 37 & 38](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JEREMIAH+37;38) | *Sunday***28 Sep 2025**   C PROPER 21(26)[{ Jeremiah 32:1-3a,6-15](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JEREMIAH+32:1-3,6-15)[Psalm 91:1-6,14-16](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+91:1-6,14-16)*or*[Amos 6:1a,4-7](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=AMOS+6:1,4-7)[Psalm 146 }](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM++146)[1 Timothy 6:6-19](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=1+TIMOTHY+6:6-19)[Luke 16:19-31](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=LUKE++16:19-31)*(PM, see next Sunday)* |
| *Monday***29 Sep 2025**   ORDINARY[Lamentations 1 & 2](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=LAMENTATIONS+1;2)[*(Psalm 126)*](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+126) | *Tuesday***30 Sep 2025**   ORDINARY[Lamentations 3](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=LAMENTATIONS+3)[Psalm 137](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+137) |  |  |  |  |  |

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***Bascom Community Calendar***

In August, our church members are completing their routes for the calendar project. Routes are to be completed by Sunday,

August 31st. If you have not been contacted by that date and want to be included on the calendar, please contact Ron Lutz at

419-448-8675 or rlutz8@woh.rr.com. Calendars for next year are still available for $7.00.

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***For Better or For Worse: Who are We?***

*Clue: We’re All Married Couples*

1. After we gave a little money to the apostles and put some more in our pockets, we fell on the floor, so to speak.
2. We moved from Italy to Corinth and made tents with Paul.
3. We traveled a lot and started our very own nation.
4. We first met in a grain field, cold feet and all.
5. Our first son died as a baby, but our second son was a royally smart guy.
6. We had three children with funny names, and after a short separation, rejoined at an auction block.
7. We ate quite often and were the end of that nasty Haman.
8. We ran for our lives at the warning of two angels, but one of us didn’t quite make it.
9. We prayed to God for a son, and He gave us Samuel.

10.John the Baptist thought we shouldn’t be married, so we snuffed him out.

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 ***Adult Sunday School***

The Adult Sunday School Class continues to meet on Sunday mornings to study God’s word.

This summer, a new teacher emerged to bless the class! Pastor Dean taught a series from Right Now Media entitled Your Story Has a Villain by Jonathan Pokluda. This series, based on Ephesians 6, explores the tactics of Satan, equips you to overcome spiritual battles, and reminds you of the victory already secured through Jesus. We must remember what defense we have against Satan and to use that “armor” given us to fight off this villain!!!

 Thanks Pastor Dean!

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***Dead Ducks Don’t Flutter***

Many years ago, a wealthy man went duck hunting with a hired hand named Sam. They took a horse and carriage, and along the way a rim came off one of the wheels. As Sam hammered it back on, he accidentally hit his finger. Instantly he let go with some bad words. He quickly fell to his knees, asking God’s forgiveness. “Lord, it’s difficult at times to live the Christian life”, he prayed. “Sam” said the man, “I know you’re a Christian, but tell me why you struggle so. I’m an atheist, and I don’t have problems like that.”

Sam didn’t know what to say. Just then two ducks flew overhead. The man raised his gun and two shots rang out. “Leave the dead one and go after that wounded bird!” he shouted. Sam pointed at the duck that was fluttering desperately to escape and said, “I’ve got an answer for you now, Boss. You said my Christianity isn’t any good because I have to struggle so. Well, I’m the wounded duck and struggle to get away from the devil. But you Boss, you’re the dead duck!”

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 ***June, 2025 Administrative Board Meeting Minutes***

June 17, 2025 6:00 p.m.

Present: Shelby Lopez, Morgan Johnson, Bob Manz, Deb Lutz, Pastor Dean, Marcia Abbott, Jeanne VanBuskirk, Lori Clay

Minutes taken by Lori Clay

Pastor Dean opened with prayer. Regarding the church building, Ed Smith has purchased windows for the nursery at Lowe’s and has installed them. “A Mint Clean” started Thursday, May 8th-total 6 ½ hours on first cleaning.

The Ohio Department of Transportation is processing a pavement and drainage reconstruction on State Route 18 in the summer of 2028. We have three parcels (1 church and 2 parsonage) that may be affected. The Board will be informed when information becomes available.

The downstairs bathroom urinal has not been shutting down properly. Tiffin Deluxe was called and it was repaired June 10th at a cost of $115.

Curtis King contacted Pastor Dean regarding donating the organ from McCutchenville UCC (they purchased the one from Union UCC) to replace ours on Monday, June 16th. Dean and Marcia met with Curtis on the following day to discuss his vision on how this would look. Curtis played our organ and stated that it was in better condition than he remembered and did not need replaced in his opinion however the petals may need tightened. He also noted that the chancel speakers were not functioning and would need to have the wires traced if we wanted to reactivate them. Curtis said he would not be purchasing the organ.

In early May, A Mint Clean contacted Pastor Dean that there was water in the Fellowship Hall. It appeared that the water was coming in from the west side middle window. Chuck Popenberg and Pastor Dean checked the downspouts and both were plugged. The water came from the overflowing gutter. Downspouts were cleared and there has not been any further water on the floor.

Regarding the parsonage, on Friday, May 9th, a shutoff valve started to leak that Pastor Dean was unable to resolve. Tiffin Deluxe was called and replaced the valve. The invoice was $120.30.

On June 2nd, Creative Concepts Landscaping upgraded the landscaping at the parsonage. Pastor Dean and Danene paid for this as a gift to the church.

Union UCC’s administrative council has gifted $20,000.00 to all the Bascom Ecumenical churches plus $5000.00 to VBS as well as other gifts as they dissolved their financial assets. Funds were received on June 13th. It was discussed how we may want to invest these monies. Bob Manz motioned to invest the entire amount in a 6 or 9 month CD. All were in favor. Bob will research different CD rates and instruct Lori Clay how to proceed. She will then invest it. Until then, the check will be kept in the safe.

In VBS recap, Rocky Railway attendance varied between 53 and 60 with approximately 41 volunteers/leaders per day. Next year, we will try something new by moving the dates to June 22-26th and having a multi-church worship service on June 28th with refreshments and a recap of the week.

In the financial report, Lori Clay gave the current checkbook balance of $12105.46 and current Vanguard balance of $32341.52. Jeanne VanBuskirk made a motion to accept the report. A question was raised about pastor reimbursables. Does an admin board representative see these? Yes, the board chair sees them.

In old business, Bob Manz and Ron Lutz will perform a financial review of 2024. We have a sales tax rebate coming on the gas bill. Bob Manz will file this for us. Bob also shared that he is having trouble finding an energy supplier with a good rate.

In new business, it was asked if we are still exempt from the Federal Unemployment Tax Act as we are no longer a 501 (c)(3). This is not applicable as all employees are either self-employed or don’t make enough money to qualify for unemployment.

Shelby Lopez and Morgan Johnson will head up a Spaghetti Supper this fall. This is usually done in November. We will include in Sunday’s Powerpoint to ask if there are any fundraising needs in the community to which the profit could be donated.

Marcia Abbott will contact the firemen for our church to volunteer to work in the game area again this year at the Fireman’s Festival in July.

 Morgan Johnson ended the meeting with prayer. Next meeting will be August 12th at 6:00 p.m.

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 ***The Happy Couples (answers to For Better or For Worse)***

1. ***Ananias and Sapphira. Acts 5: 1ff***
2. ***Aquila and Priscilla. Acts 18: 23***
3. ***Abraham and Sarah. Genesis 12: 1-2***
4. ***Ruth and Boaz. Ruth 3: 7-8***
5. ***David and Bathsheba. 2 Samuel 12: 5-24***
6. ***Hosea and Gomer. Hosea 1-3***
7. ***Esther and King Xerxes. Esther 5-7***
8. ***Lot and his wife (name not given). Genesis 19***
9. ***Elkanah and Hannah. 1 Samuel 1: 2***
10. ***Harod and Herodias. Matthew 14: 3***



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