

Wakeman Congregational Church

Growing in faith, family, and fellowship



MESSENGER

August 2019

“Whatever you do, do all to the glory of God” 1 Cor. 10:31

Church Staff

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Worship: 10:00 am

Sunday School: 9:00 am (adult only at this time)

Boards MeetSeptember 11th

Church Council..... September 16th @ 7:00 pm

Messenger articles due..... September 17th

*No board meetings or council meetings in August

Aug Deacon/Deaconess..... John Douds 440-935-0056

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Sept Deacon/Deaconess..... John Douds

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HELP IS HERE!

The Bible teaches us to take care of our widows and those less able to help themselves. Not everyone has family or friends “on call” and always available. It’s too easy to ignore people not actively asking for help. By helping each other, we glorify God in the greater Wakeman community! What higher priority can there be than that?

In keeping with this, the Diaconate organized a new program to reach out and aid our members and friends wanting help. We’re thinking about things like:

Anything needing a ladder (gutters, outside lights, tree trimming, etc.)

Spring/Fall cleaning

Short trips to Doctors, grocery stores, misc. errands

Storm window/ screens changing out

Vacuuming, light cleaning

Yard work

Oil changes/ general car inspections once a year

Taking you out to lunch

Almost any small task you can think of within reason!

If you or someone you know wants help, please fill out the contact information on the next page and return to the church. It’s fine to just call us too. Remember; don’t be too proud to ask! Surprisingly enough, helpers like to help. You are showcasing our caring Church when you let someone assist you.

Name-

Best Ways and Time to Contact-

I’d like help with-

John Douds and Diane Garner are coordinating this, so ask us if you have questions. You can mail it in, make requests to John, Diane, Christy in the office, or just put them in the offering plate. We’re excited about this new little program and hope you’ll take advantage of it!

Chicken BBQ Update

The Social Committee would like to thank everyone who helped with the Chicken BBQ. Those that donated food, sold tickets, helped serving and cutting desserts and those that came to eat. A big thank you



to the Murdock families for cooking the chicken. We served over 200 people with carry outs and those that ate at the pavilion. We had a lot that stayed just to visit which we enjoy seeing the fellowship in the community. We made \$2440.23 thanks to an anonymous donor who paid for the chicken. Again, a big thank you to all.



Second Sunday Sharing

At the back of the church there is an antique wood box for donations to support Caring Community. Each month specific items are suggested, but truly everything is needed from paper products to non-perishable foods. Donations are greatly appreciated by the people we serve. Upcoming requested items are:

Aug tuna, mac & cheese, cake mix, icing

Sept juice, dry or canned soup, crackers, jello

Oct canned pumpkin, evaporated milk, pasta, tomato sauce



Feeding the Community

August Greeters

Aug 4th—John Douds

**outdoor service*

Aug 11th—Jason, Olivia, and Monroe Liss

Aug 18th—Debi McCullough

Aug. 25th—Frank & Sue Moesher

**Please arrive by 9:40 to greet*



Trail Life Fundraiser

On July 27th Trail Life held a fundraiser to help raise support for their troop. The response was amazing, all glory to God!! 97.7 was there to broadcast live from 10-12 and there were about 55 cars that came for the cruise-in (as well as a couple of buggies and tractors)! Many community members came for the delicious chicken BBQ and hog roast and stayed to participate in the home run derby, free throw contest, and corn hole tournament. The cost of the games and food were donations only and the troop was able to raise almost \$2,000!! A huge thank you to the church and community for the prayers and support!



The boys even had enough energy after their big day to hand out water at the parade on Sunday.



School Clothing Giveaway



The school clothing giveaway was once again a hit. We are so thankful for all of the donations that were given and for all of the hours that were selflessly given to organize clothing, set-up, and tear-down. Lots of clothes and school supplies were given out! We are keeping the kids clothing for families in need during the year.



VBS Float at the Fireman's Festival Parade



Mission Update

The missions committee is trying to keep the congregation more informed on our two missionaries, The Royers and the Lees. This month we want to let you know what the Royers are up to. We recently received an updated prayer letter from them.

The Bible Institute that Andy is teaching at is merging with their other school in Jackson, Michigan. He will stay in Waukesha, Wisconsin and continue teaching. This will be his 6th year there. However, his class load will almost double. There is a picture of the entire senior class from this year on their back deck (63 of them). This coming year he is expecting to have 120 in that same class. That is just one course and he teaches 3 other ones.

I asked them if they have plans to go back to Brazil. They would still like to go back but have decided it would be best to wait until both older sons are finished with high school, which will be in 4 years. At that stage, they will reevaluate, but they can see themselves going back at some point. They presently are still called upon to help with the projects in Brazil and speak on occasion for that.

Miles (who is 16 or 17) is learning to drive and recently made and delivered 25 pies in order to earn money for a Christian leadership Conference he wanted to attend this summer.

Jackson (who is 15) had an opportunity to go fishing in California when they were on a family trip there and Andy was speaking for the mission. Jackson will be able to go to the Leadership camp as well this year.

Jude is now 11.

At present, the family is writing a book, a study on character which they hope to discuss, study, and practice together in the next three years.

We have three specific prayer requests from the Royers:

1. Pray for quality missionary candidates to sign up for school.
2. Pray for sufficient wisdom for the tasks at hand.
3. Pray for grace to balance a full ministry and family life



Photo of the entire senior class at the Royer's home.

Andy spoke at a church in California and the family was able to enjoy some sights while they were there.

Pictured below, Miles with one of his pies and Jackson who got to spend his birthday fishing while in CA.



Upcoming News/Events

Aug. 2—Wakeman Church kids will be hosting a farm stand in front of East of Chicago. They will be selling fresh produce, homemade baked goods, homemade canned goods, and fresh farm eggs. All items will be sold by donation only and proceeds will go towards their Compassion Child sponsorship. If you would like to come support the children, they will be at the stand from 3:30—6:00 pm.

Aug. 4— Outdoor Worship will be at the Pavilion at 10:00 am. There will be a potluck lunch following worship. Diaconate will provide ham and beverages. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share if you are able.

Aug. 9—Exercise class will resume in Pilgrim Hall. There is not exercise on Aug. 2. Exercise will continue on Fridays at 10 am as long as there is interest.

Aug. 10—Pastor Lee will be hosting another Men's Breakfast. Breakfast is at 7:30 am at the parsonage. All men are welcome and encouraged to attend. Connie makes a delicious breakfast! Monthly breakfasts will continue as long as pastor is still here, on the 2nd Saturday of the month.

Wednesdays in August—Debi McCullough will be setting up a produce table from 10-12 to share our veggies from the garden with the community. Please spread the word. If your garden is over-producing and you would like to donate to the community, please feel free to bring your veggies to the table!

September 1—Outdoor worship at the Pavilion—10:00 am. Please bring pastries, breakfast bread, or coffee cake to share if you are able. Diaconate will provide drinks.

September— Sunday School class for youth is being discussed. The Christian Ed Board is currently trying to see what kind of interest there is for the upcoming school year. Attendance wasn't great for the 9 am class, so they are trying to see if 10 am during worship will work better. Children ages 5-5th grade will stay with families during the beginning of service and go down for a children's message during the sermon and final song. If this is the decision made, we will need a few volunteers to help so the same person doesn't miss the sermon every Sunday. They are also going to be looking for nursery volunteers. Watch the bulletins for updates and opportunities to help.

September 14—Men's Breakfast at the parsonage, 7:30 am



Pictured are members of the church who participated in the Fireman's Festival 5K!

Jerry & Kathy Pickett, John Douds, and Theresa, Sean, and Robert Murdock

Treasurer's Snapshot

June 2019

June	General Operating Income	\$12,194.91
June	General Operating Expense	<u>\$10,279.83</u>
	Difference	\$1,915.08

Year to Date	GO Income	\$60,607.89
Year to Date	GO Expense	<u>\$64,346.02</u>
	Difference	-\$3,738.13

Budget	Year to Date	\$67,610.00
Budget	Items Spent Year-to-Date	<u>\$65,339.60</u>
	Under Budget	\$2,270.40



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*If you have anything you would like to add to the messenger, please email: wakemanchurch@gmail.com

Deadline for the next messenger is September 18th.