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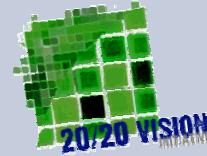
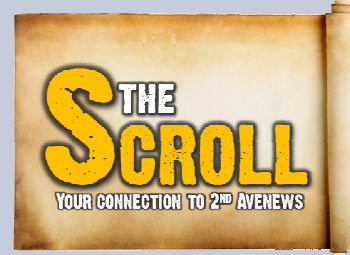
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Worship With Us:

<i>Saturdays at:</i>	<i>Sundays at:</i>	<i>Sundays at:</i>
<i>5:30pm</i>	<i>8:15am</i>	<i>10:45am</i>
<i>Elevation</i>	<i>Traditional</i>	<i>Contemporary</i>

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Praise JESUS !!!

Back to Basics! September 3rd – November 20 will be a 12 week sermon series in 2 parts. Part 1 will be the 6 elementary teachings about CHRIST. You can read about them in Hebrews 6:1-3. They will be utilized as teaching and launch points for our conversations. Part 2 will be our conversations around being CHRIST-Centered and Biblically Rooted in the areas of our family, finances, health, education, vocation and recreation. Join us as we get back to basics so we'll be better equipped to reach seekers and build believers in CHRIST.

Biblically Rooted! I'm asking each person to read the New Testament, yep the *whole* New Testament, from the beginning of September 2011 to the end of May 2012. A suggested reading schedule has been included on pages 7 and 8 of this month's Scroll. I encourage you to read an entire story, a time frame, and/or a teaching segment. Remember, I'm only asking you to read all 27 books of the New Testament, not study them. But if you desire to study each book within the 9 month timeframe, then please do so; consider inviting a friend or asking your small group to engage in such a study with you.

Welcome! I would like to take a moment to welcome Rachel Foose as our newest full-time staff member. Rachel's focus will be primarily with our Youth and Worship. Please take a moment when you see her to say hello and congratulate and bless her as she begins this new ministry with us.

Nomination of Administration and Ministry Positions! The Nomination Team prayerfully ask each team chair and member to continue in their current positions for another year of their term. The current lay leadership helped create a great spirit and ignite dynamic momentum here at 2nd Ave Church. My transitioning into pastoral leadership should not quench this spirit or derail this momentum by suggesting changes in lay leadership, especially when I barely know the congregation. Should you truly desire to step down from any position then please contact me. I thank you for your service already provided, currently providing and soon to be provided.

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe! Our Children's Church Room is getting a facelift with scenes from C.S. Lewis' beloved children story. Come by and watch the progress as the lamp post and Aslan's mane come to life. Consider reading this literary classic and discovering who Aslan is and why Narnia is a wondrous land to visit. It may help you to stir up conversations across various generations in our church. *"Once a king or queen in Narnia, always a king or queen in Narnia."*

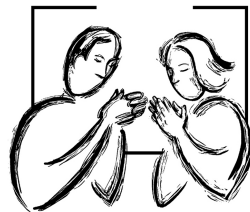
Together in CHRIST, PG

The LORD says, "I will bless you...and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

Genesis 12:2-3

Prayer in 2011:

There are a number of different ways we at Second Ave. UMC are trying to be intentional with prayer this year. One of the ways is asking one individual to be in specific prayer for Second Ave., its ministries, people, and outreach efforts, one day per month. Listed below are the individuals being asked for the month of **September**. *You DO NOT need to come to the church to pray (although you are welcome to). You can pray whenever and wherever you wish on that day:*



Few things are as important as prayer

9/1 – Cindy Lamb	9/2 – Jackie Ross	9/3 – Jessie Covert
9/4 – Sharon Lang	9/5 – Tom Ardrey	9/6 – Priscilla Heidler
9/7 – Pete Harry	8/8 – Harriet Gaston	8/9 – Dick Hileman
9/10 – Harriet Koelle	9/11 – Jane Lonsinger	9/12 – Sue Fochler
9/13 – Jim Balliet	9/14 – Kathy Davidhizar	9/15 – Beverly McKee
9/16 – Cathy McChessney	9/17 – Judy Arthurs	9/18 – Steve Boyer
9/19 – Sheri Johnson	9/20 – Christine Hopkins	9/21 – Patricia Nearhoof
9/22 – Don Ferguson	9/23 – Candy Porta	9/24 – Karen George
9/25 – Roy Yingling	9/26 – Ashley Black	9/27 – Kathy Bickel
9/28 – Dee Perkins	9/29 – Donna Porter	9/30 – Bruce Kelley

AS ALWAYS: PLEASE REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND

Valley View: Mary Coldwell, Margie Grove, Wanda Mann, Ruth Larderi

Parkview Terrace Independent Living Suites: Vivian Irvin

Bellemeade Manor: Cora Biddle

Hillview Nursing Home: Florence Points

Hollidaysburg Veterans Home: Jim Fedesco, Mary McKelvey

Altoona Center For Nursing Care: Helen Faust

Winds At Mattern Orchard: Mary Bakoss

Emerald Estates: Doris Brennecke

At Home: Dorothy Liebegott, Pat Pavlic, Ginny Weber, Anna Mae Dobson, Pauline Bollinger, Ruby Robertson, Edna VanZandt, Stella Coldwell, Clesta Slogenhop, and

Out of Town Concerns: Sharon Rhoads, Jim Hoover, Betty Meyer, Bill Foster, and Ginny Weber

Nerve to Serve! Everyday Transformation!

Nerve to Serve for September!

This fall we are jumping back into collecting items for Nerve to Serve. Our project for September will be making baskets for the Domestic Abuse Shelter. We are going to fill baskets full of good things to help families start fresh after their time at the shelter. Items needed are:

- ~ large baskets
 - ~ cleaning supplies
 - ~ bath towels - new
 - ~ silverware (same as above)
 - ~ dishes (may be used, but need to be a full set and in excellent condition please)
 - ~ tea towels - new
 - ~ paper towels
 - ~ cups (same as above)
 - ~ wash cloths - new
 - ~ toilet paper
 - ~ laundry and dish detergent
- Thank you so much for serving through giving generously!

Mentoring Program! As the weather starts to change to autumn, summer vacations come to an end and we prepare for another academic year, my excitement has been brewing for deeper discipleship. It is common for followers of Christ to struggle when trying to integrate their faith with their work lives, school lives and simply their lives outside the walls of the church. Unfortunately, there is not much support for Christ-centered values in the world today. Have you ever thought about the next stage of your life and have been uncertain of what to expect or even feared what may come? Have you ever been faced with a difficult decision and not sure who to ask for help? Have you ever wrestled with some of the more difficult passages of Scripture? Have you ever been to a funeral and wondered what treasures or wisdom you may have learned from that saint? I feel too many of us go through our lives and leave those questions unanswered. That is why we will be starting a mentoring program at 2nd Ave. this fall. More information is to come and the program will be launched at our Ministry Explosion event on September 18th. Please feel free to contact me (943-2072) if you have any questions prior. Blessings! Derek



HUGE THANK YOU TO EVERYONE!!!

The 2011 Block Party is over and it was a huge success.

I would like to thank each and everyone for their help to make this years Block Party a great day of fun. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to either help with games, hand out prizes, the yard sale, in the kitchen, who baked goodies and helped at the bake sale, set up and tear down, the youth for making root beer floats or donating a basket for the silent auction, we could not have had such a huge success without all the help from our family at Second Avenue. I think this year, we reached out to the community, I saw a lot of people that I didn't recognize, hopefully we can reach out to them and bring them into Church. Each year we seem to get bigger and better and this is because of the family of Second Avenue UMC.

A big thank you to the Block Party Committee, Betty, Ron, Tom, Stacey, Jim, Gretchen, Wendy, Jane, Linda, Harriett, Derek, Irene and Paul.

I have no idea what next year's Block Party will bring, we have a few new ideas, but are always looking for something new. If you have any ideas or suggestions or would like to join us, let us know.

Thanks again everyone.

Kathy Burket

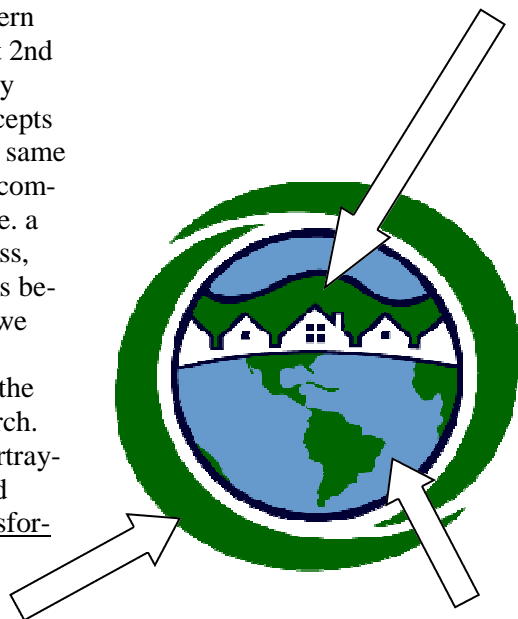


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Second Avenue UMC recognized wording-
This is the recognizable wording or “font” that is commonly used to identify our name “Second Avenue UMC.” If the words are typed out in a document of sorts they will just be regular font, but when used more as a “logo” for something, they’ll be in this font called “xenophone.”

The new church logo explained...

The logo is meant to be a modern interpretation of who we are at 2nd Ave. We want it to portray very biblical “Christ-centered” concepts without necessarily having the same “Christian symbolism” that is commonly used in church logos (i.e. a dove, sunrise, heart, Bible, cross, steeple, etc) and can sometimes become “cliché”. To emphasize we are NOT trying to minimize “Christ” in this logo. Christ is the centerpiece of our faith & church. However, this logo is more portraying how Christ works in us and around us, bringing about transformation.



Houses/mountain/sky a snapshot of Altoona. Conveying that we are reaching seekers and building believers in Christ at a local level— transformation is occurring in Altoona PA. The mountains are to be like the mountains of our area and we wanted the houses to look like “neighborhood” houses from our 2nd Ave. location. Our church has gained a reputation in recent years as being “n the community” and loving our direct neighbors, so we wanted to highlight this on the logo

Green orbits/swooshes— These are representing transformation, the heart of our church. We considered using “forming hands” earlier on but ended up using the orbits to convey the way that God transforms us and we transform those around

The World- We also reach seekers and build believers in Christ on a global level. Yes, transformation is occurring locally, but also in the world. The globe picture here can remind us that we are only A PART of the collective body of Christ that’s throughout the whole world. It also reminds us of Jesus’ Great Commission where we’re called to bring the Gospel to “the ends of the earth.”



in September

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|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Mark Criste | 8 Sue Fochler | 16 Nicole Stotle |
| Helen Faust | Jennifer Sanker | 17 Richard Hileman |
| 3 Sharon Lang | Parker Cook | Brandy McCommons |
| Wade Koelle | 9 Nicole Ross | 21 Sandy Smith |
| 4 Breon Walker | 11 Kimberly Koelle | 22 Edie Weible |
| Steve Coldwell | Ashley Black | 23 Carolyn Lockard |
| 6 Vivian Irvin | 12 Rachel Moyer | Kathy Bickel |
| Roy Yingling | Craig Schaffer | Damian Branas |
| 7 David Smith Jr. | 14 Stella Coldwell | 25 Jean Stevanus |
| Jennifer Fochler | 15 Diane Chathams | 26 Carla Griffin |
| Jim Daski | Lester Stotler III | |
| Dee Perkins | Paul Weible | |



- 1 Steve & Debra Hazenstab
- 3 Douglas & Karen Beldin
- Larry & Cheryl Rupp
- 5 Eric & Danielle Mattern
- 13 Donnie & Amber Rhodes
- 15 Tom & Debbie Ross
- Steve & Donna Porter
- 18 Wade & Sherry Koelle
- 24 Scott & Nicole Hileman
- Chris & Dana Schaffer
- 28 Eric & Kendra Valentino
- 30 Chester & Diane Smith



“Back to Basics”

12 week series in 2 parts, 3 Sep – 20 Nov 2011

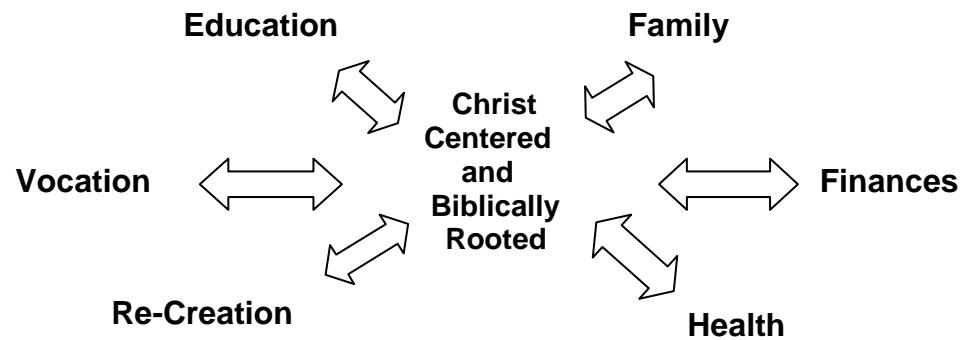
Pt. 1 Elementary Teachings about CHRIST

Pt. 2 CHRIST Centered & Biblically Rooted

Beginning September 3rd we will begin a 2 part 12 week sermon series. Along with the sermon series we will be reading the New Testament together as a church family. The suggested reading schedule (provided on the next page) is provided for those who feel a need for structure. You may also choose to read complete stories, sermons, teachings or epistles (letters) in one sitting. You may wish to use audio devices like CD players, i-pods or downloads. Whatever pattern and medium you choose, **allow time** for it. Arrange your environment so there will be **no interruptions** by people and other electronic devices, like cell phones and televisions.

Hopefully by taking in the New Testament together, you and your 2nd Ave. brothers and sisters become more **CHRIST-centered and Biblically-rooted**. This so the HOLY SPIRIT will have fertile ground to nurture and grow the life of JESUS in the garden of our lives that include family, finances, health, education, vocation and recreation, as we become **more focused upon GOD’s call upon all our lives together in CHRIST**.

Pastor Greg



SUGGESTED READING PLAN FOR SEPTEMBER 2011-MAY 2012

Dates:

Sept. 1st thru Sept. 28th
 Sept. 29th thru Oct. 14th
 Oct. 15th thru Nov. 7th
 Nov. 8th thru Nov. 28th
 Nov. 29th thru Dec. 26th
 Dec. 27th thru Jan. 11th
 Jan. 12th thru Jan. 27th
 Jan. 28th thru Feb. 9th
 Feb. 10th thru Feb. 15th
 Feb. 16th thru Feb. 21st
 Feb. 22nd thru Feb. 25th
 Feb. 26th thru Feb. 29th
 March 1st thru March 5th
 March 6th thru March 8th
 March 9th thru March 14th
 March 15th thru March 18th
 March 19th thru March 21st
 March 22nd
 March 23rd thru April 4th
 April 5th thru April 9th
 April 10th thru April 14th
 April 15th thru April 17th
 April 18th
 April 19th
 April 20
 April 21 thru May 12th
 May 13th

New Testament Readings

Matthew 1-28
 Mark 1-16
 Luke 1-24
 John 1-21
 Acts 1-28
 Romans 1-16
 1 Corinthians 1-16
 2 Corinthians 1-13
 Galatians 1-6
 Ephesians 1-6
 Philippians 1-4
 Colossians 1-4
 1 Thessalonians 1-5
 2 Thessalonians 1-3
 1 Timothy 1-6
 2 Timothy 1-4
 Titus 1-3
 Philemon
 Hebrews 1-13
 James 1-5
 1 Peter 1-5
 2 Peter 1-3
 1 John 1-5
 2 John & 3 John
 Jude
 Revelation 1-22
 SUNDAY CELEBRATION!

Upcoming Events:
Wed. Bible Study – Every Wed. 10am
Youth Group– Sundays, 6-8pm
Executive Comm. Mtgs.— None in Sept.
Sr. Bingo– Sept. 8 & 22
Ministry Explosion– Sept. 18
R.O.C.K. Begins– Sept. 21
Charge Conference– Sept. 22
Additional information throughout this issue

The Learning Ledge...
 John Wesley, 1703-1791, an Anglican priest and founder of the Methodist Church.
 Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, also an Anglican priest and with his brother John, co-founded the Methodist Church. He was also, a poet who authored over six thousand poems and hymns.



Gift Cards Available! Gift cards available for Martins, Weis Markets, and Giant Eagle. The church receives 5% of the proceeds from your purchase! **Cards available after both services in the Elevation room or the foyer area or by calling 943-2072.**

Reminder: Please remember to keep 20/20 Vision offering and regular offerings separate. 20/20 Vision offerings go in the green 20/20 Vision envelopes and regular offerings should be placed in either your monthly envelope or a visitor envelope located on the back of each pew.

2nd Annual Trunk or Treat! Please begin thinking about how you can make this year's event Bigger and Better! We are looking for donations of individually wrapped candy, hot dogs and buns. Last year's event was so well received by the community that we would like to make it even better for 2011. If you can help out with any of the mentioned items or with decorating your cars, trucks, or vans, please let Jim & Gretchen Kennedy know as soon as possible (814) 944-3890. Trunk or Treat will be here before you know it!

The R.O.C.K. will begin collecting "Box Tops for Education" to help out the local elementary school, Washington and Jefferson. So many of our ROCK kids attend W&J and budget cuts have really hurt them. This is a simple way to help out in our schools and our community. A collection box has been placed in the church foyer by the restroom. Thank you

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet in the Social Hall on Tuesday, Sept. 13th at 6pm. If you crochet and would be interested in being a part of this outreach ministry, please join us.

Charge Conference: This year's Charge Conference will be held on **Thursday, Sept. 22nd at 6pm** at Greenwood United Methodist Church. 1505 E. Walton Ave. Altoona, with our District Superintendent, Dennis Otto. If you serve on an Executive committee, please make every effort to attend, however, you do not need to be on a committee to attend, all are invited.

Serving in September

POWER POINT:

Elevation:

09/03 Andrew Bollinger
 09/10 Kelsey Prough
 09/17 Andrew Bollinger
 09/24 Rachel Ferguson

10:45am:

09/04 Andrew Bollinger
 09/11 Kelsey Prough
 09/18 Andrew Bollinger
 09/25 Rachel Ferguson

READERS: (8:15am)

09/04 Dave Koelle
 09/11 Donna Porter
 09/18 Harriet Koelle
 09/25 Sue Fochler

SOUND:

Elevation:

09/03 Andrew Bollinger
 09/10 Kelsey Prough
 09/17 Andrew Bollinger
 09/24 Rachel Ferguson

Sunday Worship:

09/04 Wade Koelle
 09/11 Chris Schaffer
 09/18 Eric Mattern
 09/25 Matt Stuckey

GREETERS:

8:15am: June Ritchey, Dick & Judy Arthurs
10:45am: Marylou Mathieu, Scott Thompson, Sandy Boyd

NURSERY (Elevation):

On call as needed

NURSERY (10:45am):

09/04: Brigid Dodson
 Steven Dodson
 Helen Weller
 09/11: Brigid Dodson
 Matt Dodson
 Jes Simonis
 09/18: Gina Barefoot
 Deb Rice
 Marian Rice
 09/25: Jes Zimmerman
 Sue Plank
 Sherri Hileman

COUNTERS:

Dave & Harriet Koelle

JR. CHURCH

09/04 Sherry Koelle, Brook McChessney, Judy Arthurs
 09/11 Danielle Mattern, Karen George, Alexis Fox
 09/18 Kelly Aharrah, Jen Deblois, Judy Arthurs
 09/25 Tom Gerlach, Jolene Gerlach, Brook McChessney

Every single day of your life God will give you opportunities to serve Him by serving His children. Welcome those opportunities with open arms. They are God's gift to you, His way of allowing you to achieve greatness in His Kingdom!



(Reaching Out to Community Kids)

The ROCK will begin its 2011-12 session Weds., September 21 at 4:30 pm. As we look forward to what lies ahead, I would like to take a look back real quick to one particularly interesting event that happened towards the end of last year's session that really shows what the program is about.

The 6th grade class at the closest elementary school, Washington and Jefferson, held an event recognizing the class as they prepared for Junior High. We have worked with about 15 of these kids over the years, many of them since Kindergarten or 1st grade. The school had made this a formal event, asking the kids to dress up. The recognition was set up to be a pretty big event. I just couldn't understand what the big deal was. Why get all fancied up and have a big production. This became a somewhat heated topic between my daughter Rachel and I. Dad just did not understand. Finally one day Rachel said to me, "Dad, this is probably the only time a lot of these kids will ever do anything like this." Huh?, never thought of that. Then reality set in and I realized that probably some of these kids would not see another event like this. Some would not graduate high school or go to their prom. This really hit me. I figured we had these kids all set up for life. All would be success stories. Unfortunately for some of our kids, the odds are against them, no matter how hard we try.

The other thing about the recognition that really struck me was how well we were received. Myself and several other R.O.C.K. volunteers attended the event. Many of the kids came up to us and hung out. Seemed odd to me that at an event like this, some random folks from a local church would be so well received. The volunteers shared memories of working with this one in arts and crafts or that one in the classroom. Then it dawned on me, these kids had known the R.O.C.K. longer than most of their family members. Think about it. A lot of these kids have been raised by Grandma for a while, then a parent might be around for a year or two, then on to the next guardian. Sad but true in many cases.

It is very easy to throw around terms out of some text book about how to properly address a youth's needs. I do it often when writing grants or seeking some financial support. I have several models that I use that sound all smart and stuff. But, think about it. What these kids need really is a consistent adult role model in their lives. I wonder how many times an aunt or uncle, or maybe even a parent, had promised one of our kids something only to back out. Imagine the disappointment in their little hearts.

So here we are, the beginning of a new year. we will be able to reach some of these kids. Some we won't. But I promise all of you one thing; we are going to try. We will be here each week waiting for the kids. They will know that we will keep our word to them. We will continue to build relationships, provide a safe place for them and most definitely love them. I've been around long enough to know that along the way, we are going to have a lot of fun too.

That group of kids from W and J are now starting Jr High. High School graduation is in 6 years. I hope and pray we will get to see them all, dressed up one more time.

Please keep all our kids and the volunteers, who give so much, in your hearts and prayers. Thank all of you so much for your support, love and prayers.

In Christ, Danny



To the Rickabaugh family on the passing of Pat's father, James E. Rickabaugh on July 22, 2011

Thank You

Bishop Jane Allen Middleton of the Susquehanna Conference has sent her thanks to the Second Avenue United Methodist Church for faithfully giving 100% to the Shares of Ministry covenant in 2010! Please see the thank you posted on the bulletin board in the foyer area.

Thanksgivings and blessings to all that made our Block Party a success!



Congratulations to Tabatha and Brian Weyandt who were united in marriage on Saturday, July 30, 2011. Our

To My Wonderful 2nd Ave. Church Family,
 Thank you just doesn't seem enough to thank you all for your friendships, cards, phone calls, prayers, visits, and meals.
 Thank you to Pastor Greg and Cindy for their visits and most of all sharing in prayer.
 What a blessing to belong to this wonderful family of God as we continue to Reach Seekers, and Build Believers in Christ.
 Until the trumpet sounds,
 Dottie Hileman

20/20 Vision Thank You..

- ~Thank you for delivering relief to those in need through your support of American Red Cross Disaster Relief. Your generosity funds crucial services that provide comfort and care following a disaster.
- ~On behalf of the American Cancer Society, thank you for your generous donation to Relay for Life. Your donation affords us the ability to continue our mission of saving lives through helping people in our local community stay well, get well, find cures and fight back.
- ~Thank you for your generous gift to the United Methodist Committee on Relief. 100 percent of your contribution will go to Spring Storms 2011. Your gift is supporting UMCOR's response to emergency victims of tornado, flood, etc. caused by the Spring Storms of 2011 in the US.
- ~ Thank you so much for your generous donation to the Nehemiah Project, Inc. Your giving allows us to continue on the exciting journey of building faith, families and futures for many residents of our area. TNP is a faith based community development organization designed to bless our city and region in a tangible manner that provides sustainable solution to many problems of our area. Your partnership, and the partnership of others like you, through financial investment, is so essential to the success of TNP.



We would love to hear from you! If you would like to submit a letter of thanks to the Scroll please call the church office at 943-2072, or email us at 2ndaveumc@verizon.net no later than the 15th of each month. Thanks!

Treasurer's Report:

Balance End of **June** \$23,187.11
 Total receipts for **July** \$39,992.22
 Total disbursements **July** \$37,190.42
 Balance End of **July** \$26,715.40
 A complete breakdown of this report is available by request.

WEEKLY OFFERING	
07/31	\$4,897.87
08/07	\$5,749.42
08/14	\$5,350.42
08/21	\$4,585.54
08/28	\$5,059.03

ATTENDANCE

WORSHIP		SUNDAY SCHOOL	
07/31	265	07/31	91
08/07	249	08/07	70
08/14	260	08/14	81
08/21	285	08/21	81
08/28	284	08/28	82



September items needed:

toilet tissue, bars of soap, and all non-perishables. Please continue to remember those in need, the need is growing along with the ever increasing utilities. All items can be placed in the foyer area in the box by the windows.

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!!

MEETING REMINDERS:

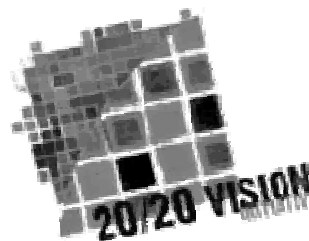
Executive Committee meetings in September:

No Executive Committee Mtgs. in Sept..

FUNDRAISERS

Cell Phone Drive: Please continue to donate your inactive cell phones with their batteries (No chargers or accessories needed). 100% of the proceeds go directly to the church.

**Reaching Seekers,
 Building Believers,
 In Christ**



In an effort to keep everyone informed of the 20/20 Vision progress each month we will list both the monthly total received and also the amount received to date. Remember green 20/20 Vision giving envelopes are included in your monthly envelopes and also located on the backs of each pew for those who do not receive monthly envelopes.

20/20 Vision Totals:

For July:

Received- \$9,120.00
 YTD- \$67,852.73

Total received since beginning: \$238,572.36

July Distributions:

Trustees- \$
 Missions- \$

How Giving Is Saving Lives And Allowing Transformation To Occur:

As part of the 20/20 Vision Initiative, 20% of all money received will go to mission outreach opportunities locally, statewide, nationally, and internationally. We are also so happy to report that the portion donated for August was \$1,500. The following outreach opportunities were recipients of your generosity:

Interfaith Housing Development Corporation- create affordable housing by rehabilitating "blighted" homes or occasionally building new ones. These homes provide the right opportunity for low income and homeless families to secure permanent housing. They can buy, rent, or lease-purchase one of their homes. Volunteers are used to do much of the work, which keeps construction costs low, so savings may be passed on.

Sierra Leone U.M.C. Support- Provide resources that will send 1.2 million bed nets to that country. Thanks to efforts of the UMC and our partners, thousands of people will be alive that might otherwise have perished due to malaria.

Wounded Warrior Project- Founded in 2003, WWP's purpose is to raise awareness and enlist the public's aid for the needs of injured service members, to help injured service members aid and assist each other, and to provide unique, direct programs and services to meet their needs.

TOGETHER WE ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE!