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*God's Love Is Here for You*

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Tina Johnson, E-newsletter editor

Hello dear friends!

The Kingdom of God is growing! I am so excited to share with you about the baptism of Catherine “Catie” Elizabeth Hill - daughter of Susan and Chandler Hill - this Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in the chapel. We will also be baptizing Chandler.

Our *Directory for Worship* says this about baptism:

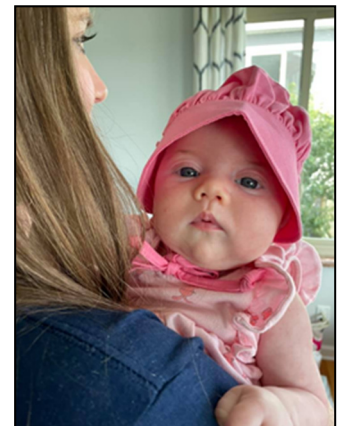
*“Baptism is the sign and seal of our incorporation into Jesus Christ. In his own baptism, Jesus identified himself with sinners - yet God claimed him as a beloved Son, and sent the Holy Spirit to anoint him for service. In his ministry, Jesus offered the gift of living water. Through the baptism of his suffering and death, Jesus set us free from the power of sin forever. After he rose from the dead, Jesus commissioned his followers to go and make disciples, baptizing them and teaching them to obey his commands. The disciples were empowered by the outpouring of the Spirit to continue Jesus’ mission and ministry, inviting others to join this new way of life in Christ.” – W-3.0402.*

*“... Through Baptism, the Holy Spirit gives the Church its identity and commissions the Church for service in the world. Baptism is the bond of unity in Jesus Christ. When we are baptized, we are made one with Christ, with one another, and with the Church of every time and place. In Christ, barriers of race, status, and gender are overcome; we are called to seek reconciliation in the Church and world, in Jesus’ name... Both believers and their children are included in God’s covenant love. The baptism of believers witnesses to the truth that God’s gift of grace calls for our grateful response. The baptism of our young children witnesses to the truth that God claims people in love even before they are able to respond in faith.” –W-3.0402*

On Sunday, our congregation will speak on behalf of the universal Church, promising to nurture the newly baptized in the Christian life, offering our love and prayers. We will be encouraged to remember our own baptisms—and be thankful.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Karen



## What's Happening with the Church This Week?

Thursday (9/23):	10 a.m.	Prayer Fellowship in the Fireside Room
Saturday (9/25):	10 a.m.	MVP Presbytery Meeting via Zoom
Sunday (9/26):	10 a.m.	Chancel Choir rehearsal
	10:30 a.m.	Worship in the Chapel with Baptism
Monday (9/27):		Pastor's Sabbath
Wednesday (9/29):	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir rehearsal



**Scriptures:** Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29; Psalm 19:7-14; James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50

### Other important dates:



**Oct. 17:** Reception to welcome Malik Khalfani, our new choir director, following worship.

**Oct. 24:** 2-4 p.m. Program to celebrate Chuck Snyder's more than 4 decades of service to the congregation in ministries of music and Christian Education. Chuck retired in Sept. 2020.

**Oct. 31:** Congregational Meeting following worship to elect ruling elders, deacons, and trustees.

### In our hearts and prayers:

Joanie Brode - home

Wilma Hunt - The Oaks at Bethesda, Rm. 213, 2971 Maple Ave.,  
Zanesville, Ohio 43701

John Unger - Altercare

Donna Westfall - Home

Barb Wheeler - Home



### Gage Haines address:

### Lukas Sycks address:



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Military*

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**Happy Birthday to:** Tim Cox, Steve Hildreth (9/23); Carol Moore, Carli Poorman (9/24); Ashley Cox (9/26); Jorgen Alverson, Caroline Heading, Sarah Heading, John Sutton (9/27); Barb Moore (9/28); Jim Boatman (9/30)

**Happy Anniversary to:** Tim & Shelly Wilkin (9/24); Tom & Pat Miller (9/28)



# October

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



Oct 1 Sarah Swigert  
 Oct 2 John Leppla  
 Oct 4 Don Harrison  
 Matt Swigert  
 Barb Wheeler  
 Oct 5 Andrew Baker  
 Oct 6 Emma Hildreth  
 Oct 7 Bob Mauch  
 Oct 8 Andrew Wallace  
 Oct 10 John Gano  
 Matt Leppla  
 BJ Taylor

Oct 11 Jim Huntington  
 Oct 12 Daniel Baker  
 Oct 13 Lance Fulks  
 Oct 15 Liz Haines  
 Oct 17 Danna Stewart  
 Oct 18 Lydia Black  
 Louis Layton  
 Oct 19 Jeremy Bresciani  
 Carlin Jo Huntington  
 Oct 21 Ken Crown  
 Elizabeth Layton

Oct 24 Ron Geese  
 Cindy Walling  
 Oct 25 Maggie Myers  
 Oct 26 Maxx McKenna  
 Oct 27 Nancy Morton  
 Jacob Panteloukas  
 Oct 29 Carolyn Bresciani  
 Oct 30 Donna Magness  
 Travis Walters  
 Oct 31 Vonnie Hubble

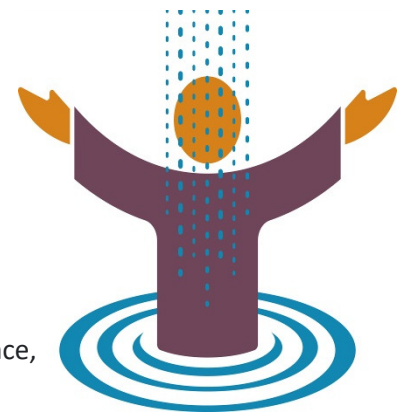
October 5, 1968 Jim & Betty Boatman  
 October 7, 1972 Drex & Cathy Scott  
 October 9, 1976 Bill & Sue Olinger

October 10, 1992 Tom & Caroline Heading  
 October 24, 2005 Loran & Teresa Fry  
 October 27, 1990 Todd & Angie Taylor

### DAILY REMINDERS OF BAPTISM

One way Satan attacks Christians is by reminding us of our sins, both of commission (wrongdoing) and omission (neglecting to do right). And one way we can fight back is by remembering our baptism. The reformer Martin Luther recommended pondering that sacrament daily, whenever we wash our face, because "in baptism sins are drowned."

Getting dressed can serve as another frequent reminder, Luther says, because baptism is the "daily garment ... the Christian is to wear all the time." He writes, "Christ instituted holy baptism ... to clothe you with his righteousness. It is tantamount to his saying, 'My righteousness shall be your righteousness; my innocence, your innocence. Your sins indeed are great, but by baptism I bestow on you my righteousness; I strip death from you and clothe you with my life.'"



### OUR 2021 CHURCH BOARDS

<u>Session</u>		<u>Deacons</u>			<u>Trustees</u>	
Jim Arganbright	Caroline Heading	Judy Addy	Ron Geese	Matt Leppla	John Addy	Stewart Henderson
Debbie Clark	Sarah Swigert	Janet Ashman	Betty Harrison	Carol Moore	Sally Bullens	Jeff Sycks
Loran Fry	Janice Sycks	Diane Chase	Linda Hores	Lew Terrell	Dave Custer	Denny Walters
Don Harrison	Chris Yost	Cathy Evans	Glenn Kinkade		Jim Gill	

# The Baptism of Jesus

When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. Luke 3:21 (NIV)

Words are taken from Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 (NIV).



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 U B S O M N L L F E R O A V C  
 M U U L E K N L J L A U T M K  
 E Z Z V Y O E U E V Y S E P U  
 U L A Z O R G A S Q I P R B X  
 C E E T I R K P U W N V W M M  
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 B O Z Y W I M C H R I S T F E  
 K V V O A S X S P E O P L E Q  
 K E P E X D O P E N E D P V S  
 B A P T I Z E U Z V F V L D S

Spirit opened people	John Jesus praying	voice dove heaven	Christ powerful Holy	fire water baptize
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