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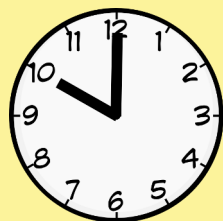
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Godspeed for Katie Beth -
Yes, she's really leaving us this
time! June 19th after worship

Due a little bit to the coronavirus, a little bit to some speed bumps in her ordination process, and a lot of bit to the generosity of the people of Christ Lutheran, KB was able to hang around with us for one more year. Unfortunately for us, the time has come for her to complete her seminary studies. She will move to Alexandria, VA in late July of this year and hopefully be ordained a priest, the Episcopal equivalent of what Pr. Chad is, next July, 2023. Please join us as we celebrate her time here after worship on June 19th.

Congregational Meeting
Sunday, June 26th at 11a.m.



Click here to see all relevant info regarding business coming before us at this year's annual congregational meeting: <https://www.clcathens.org/news/business-for-the-june-26th-11am-annual-congregational-meeting> *Currently posted is the Covenant for Creation Care approved by Council in Sept. 2021 and referred to the congregation for approval to become a Creation Covenant Congregation. Other documents will be posted as they become available.



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What's Happening at CLC?

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

5 - John Laughlin
8 - Signe Denbow
15 - Denise Beveridge
John Molinaro
Brandon Russell
26 - Joan Fucci
28- Katie Beth Miksa

Did We Miss Your Birthday?

Please email the office
and let us know!
info@clcathens.org



Jazz Sunday for Pentecost!
Join us as we welcome Athens
Jazz back to our sanctuary on
Sunday June 5th.

Mid-Week Prayer Services on Pause

Our midweek prayer services will break for summer during the months of June and July. Anticipated restart date is sometime in August. Stay tuned!

Zienzele Presentation • June 7th, 7p.m.

Many of you are familiar with former OU Professor, Dr. Prisca Nemapare, and this basket weaving cooperative she went home to Zimbabwe to start. Please join us to learn what they have been up to during the pandemic, and several baskets will be on sale. Held at the Voss home at 6525 Baker Rd, Athens, the event does ask for an RSVP to hyliovoss@gmail.com. Light refreshments and desserts will also be provided.

Theology on Tap • June 10th, 6p.m.

Bring your own dinner and beverage of choice and meet us via Zoom! The link will be sent out in the Monday What's Happening email and to the Theology on Tap email list. For the specific articles to be discussed, email Mike Cleland at mikercleland@gmail.com. Articles are usually freely available online.

Steve Free Folk Music & Storytelling

Sunday June 12th, 11:00a.m.

Happening in person after worship, this month's coffee hour features Steve Free, an internationally acclaimed and award winning singer/songwriter. His music is drawn from his Native American (Shawnee/Cherokee) and Appalachian roots. His storytelling is great for all ages, from wee ones to adults! Come give him a listen--you won't be disappointed!

Save the Date: Memorial for Marcus Dahn

Saturday, July 2nd at 1p.m. at Christ Lutheran

*A Memorial Service honoring long time CLC member, Dr. Marcus Dahn, who passed from this life last December, will be held for family, church family, and friends, on Saturday, July 2, at 1:00pm. Pastor Chad will officiate. Assuming it is safe health wise by then, coffee and cookies will be served in the narthex.

Because Marcus very much loved music and dancing, in true Liberian fashion, the Dahn family intends to celebrate his 69 years on this earth, by hosting a party Marcus would have enjoyed.

Following the Memorial service, you are invited to Arts West, on W. State Street, from 3-10pm, for a Celebration of Life gathering to include music, food, and libations.

Godspeed for Katie Beth

Sunday June 19th, 11:00a.m.

Please join us as we celebrate Katie Beth's time at Christ Lutheran and wish her Godspeed. Light refreshments will be provided.



Out of the Darkness, Into the Light!

Thank you to everyone who filled out the online Time & Talent survey and/or sent an estimated giving card to Wanda Weinberg. If you laid your estimated giving card aside to make a prayerful decision, now is the time to pull it out! **Mail any remaining cards to Attn: Wanda Weinberg, 69 Mill Street, Athens OH 45701.**

Between now and the Council meeting on Tuesday, June 7th, Wanda will assess estimated giving responses and make contact with those who have not yet replied so we have the best update to present to Council as it finalizes the proposed budget for our Annual Congregational Meeting at 11a.m. on Sunday, June 26th. Katie Beth will be reviewing the Time & Talents.

Council Summary

May 10th, 2022 Meeting

- Approved resuming hospitality--beverages only--after church. It was noted that this preferably take place outdoors, as weather allows.
- Received the preliminary report of the nominating committee. Jim Sillery and Jane Unger are willing to stand for election for a first term, and John Deno is willing to stand for a second term.
- Sue Righi, Doug Debrick, and Dan Snoddy will begin the process of exploring socially responsible investing ending with options for Council to consider.

The next scheduled Council meeting is Tuesday, June 7, 2022 at 7:00 PM via Zoom.*

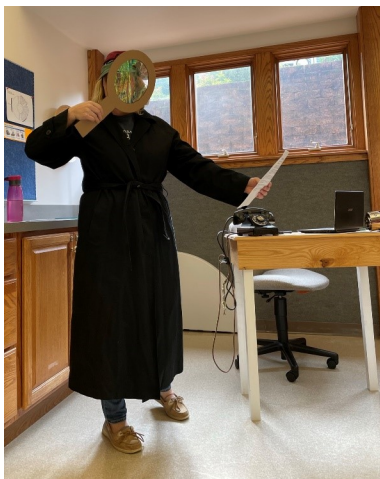
*Note the earlier date

Lifelong Formation

Vacation Bible School kicked off on Thursday, June 2 and all had a blast! **The remaining dates are Thursdays June 9, 16, 23, and 30th--all from 5:30-7p.m.**

The theme is "On the Case" solving mysteries in Jesus' parables. From toddlers to 5th graders are invited to attend as campers, and middle and high schoolers are encouraged to join us as volunteer junior detectives! The material is not chronological, so children do not need to be present every week to participate. We do, however, have a weekly RSVP so we can accurately plan for materials.

For more information, or to register, contact Katie Beth at katiebeth@clcathens.org.



Above, all photos from June 2nd's VBS kickoff! We had 10 very enthusiastic children!

Lifelong Formation Cont'd



Above, more photos from VBS Week 1 on June 2nd.
Below, confirmands and family at their meeting on May 22nd.



Affirmation of Baptism

Join us for boating at Dow Lake on **Saturday, June 25 from 5 -8p.m.** Drinks, chips, and veggie and beef sliders provided! Register through the office. The actual class is on pause for summer, resuming in August!

Steve Free fun for all ages! **Join us Sunday, June 12th after worship to hear** internationally acclaimed and award winning singer/songwriter Steve Free's folk music and storytelling. His work draws from his Native American (Shawnee/Cherokee) and Appalachian roots. Come give him a listen--you won't be disappointed!

PRAYERS FOR HEALTH

Karen Petersohn-Jung
Jacky Brown
Lou Childress
Jo King
Joan Fucci
Dave Armstrong
*Carl Savage
*Dick Brackin
*Jo Ann Pulfer
*Sammy Huwe
*Mary Andrews
*Art Woolley
*Homebound members

Social Ministry - Faith In Action

As part of the ELCA, we believe God's grace grants us the freedom to love and serve our neighbors, boldly responding to the needs of the world.

Hunger News



Above: May 2022 Food Pantry

LSS Mobile Food Pantry

June 9, 10:15 a.m.- Noon

The Lutheran Social Services Mobile Food Pantry is Thursday, June 9th at The Plains United Methodist Church. The food distribution will be from 11:00-noon. Volunteers are needed at 10:15. Volunteer tasks include unpacking grocery items, loading groceries into cars and traffic control. To volunteer, please contact Adele Hanson at adelehanson@gmail.com.

14th Annual Peanut Butter and Jelly Project

Last summer, Athens County Children Services School Outreach, interns, and volunteers distributed peanut butter and jelly to 3,366 children in Athens County, and they have served over 28,000 children since 2008. This year the goal is to serve 4,000 children. To help make this annual distribution bigger than ever, you can send a financial contribution to ACCS, PO Box 1046, Athens, OH 45701, or drop off jars of peanut butter and jelly at Building 10 on Stoneybrook Drive. Need more information? Call Heather Starr at 740-592-3061 ext. 132 or email her at Heather.Starr@jfs.ohio.gov.



Habitat for Humanity

1. The Scrap Metal Drive earned \$1,629! Thank you for your donations of ferrous, aluminum, brass, and copper scrap items! With the \$1,094 from the April Rummage Sale that totals \$2,723 raised toward the building of the next home. Thanks again!
2. Save the Date: The Fall 5K Fun Run Fund Raiser will be held on September 17, 2022, at 10 a.m. on the bike path starting near the Eclipse Company Store in The Plains.
3. There are always many volunteer opportunities! Contact Hallie at 740-592-0032 or volunteer@habitatseo.org. If you want to help build at the site in Trimble, it is almost completed, so sign-up now to help paint and put on the finishing touches.

Left: Photos from Friday Night Life Dinner Prep back in February

Social Ministry—Cont'd

Advocacy Corner: Criminal Justice Reform

Grave injustices continue to stain our criminal justice system. The ELCA has a very long history of study, discernment, and guidance in this area: <https://search.elca.org/Pages/Results.aspx>.

Deacon Nick Bates of the Southern Ohio Synod has written an excellent column urging U.S. Sens. Rob Portman and Sherrod Brown to support the package of sentencing reform bills currently pending in Congress: The First Step Implementation Act, the COVID-19 Safer Detention Act, and the Prohibiting Punishment of Acquitted Conduct Act. You can read the full text by [clicking here](#).

Please join Deacon Bates in contacting Senators Brown and Portman, asking them to correct these injustices in our prison system.

Equity and Justice

- Juneteenth celebrates the day that enslaved people in Texas finally learned they could claim their freedom, 2 1/2 years after the Emancipation Proclamation. Here is a link to activities at OU and a more complete description of the origins of the name: <https://www.ohio.edu/diversity/juneteenth-celebration>. **In celebration of Juneteenth, Mt Zion Baptist Church Preservation Society is hosting The Bessie Smith Story.** Bessie Smith was an American blues singer widely renowned during the Jazz Age. Nicknamed the "Empress of the Blues", she was the most popular female blues singer of the 1920s and 1930s. Doris Fields (aka) Lady D, will portray Bessie. She is known as "West Virginia's First Lady of Soul," and she headlined the Obama for Change Inauguration Ball with President Obama & First Lady Michelle Obama in attendance. **Join the festivities on Saturday, June 18th, 7-9pm at the SEO History Center.**
- **Don't forget that June is Pride Month!** Our congregation is a Reconciling in Christ congregation, so we have pledged to be welcoming to LGBTQ+ folks as well as all marginalized people. We encourage you to participate in this month of celebration and awareness with our neighbors who have often had to hide their true identities. As a part of the celebration of Pride Month, Social Ministry will be decorating the entrance to the church, to demonstrate that we are a welcoming congregation. **The synod is offering a book study and also an opportunity to march in the Columbus Pride as part of a synod delegation. Contact the office for details: info@clclathens.org.**
- Steve Free will be with us for coffee hour this month. Learn more about who he is and the details of his time with us on p. 2 of this newsletter.

Gun Reform

The Ohio Council of Churches, a non-profit of which the Southern Ohio Synod is a member, has issued a statement related to the need for gun reform. While written in response to the shootings in New York and California, the most recent occurrence in Texas only underscores the need. Christ Lutheran has also become a signatory of the statement. View it here: <https://www.ohcouncilchs.org/post/pastoral-letter-concerning-the-racist-massacre-in-buffalo-and-anti-black-and-racist-violence> Please check out other advocacy efforts being made by the Ohio Council of Churches by investigating their other statements and commentaries here: <https://www.ohcouncilchs.org/blog>

Collection for Timothy House

We are thankful that Good Works found ways to continue serving people in need of social support, meals and housing throughout the pandemic. Now we are able again to collect donations of food and household items for Timothy House, the Good Works residence for people temporarily without a home. There is a bin in the Narthex where you can place items for Timothy House. Any fresh, perishable food you want to donate should be taken directly to Timothy House, but please call 740-594-3333 first, to make sure a staff person or volunteer is there to receive your donation. Check the Good Works website to find out what their current needs are: <https://good-works.net/ongoing-needs/>.

Move Out 2022

Thanks to a decrease in Covid risk, efforts resumed this year to reclaim materials otherwise headed to the landfill so they could be used by people in need. Athens Food Rescue retrieved 700 pounds of food from Greek Life housing in addition to more than 3000# from OU Food Service. We give a big THANKS to Adele Hanson and the other volunteers who made this possible.

Lutheran Social Services of Central Ohio

One of the Benevolences Christ Lutheran donates to is Lutheran Social Services of Central Ohio, which serves 27 counties in Ohio. As stated in their Mission Statement: "From single adults to extended families, our mission is to create a better world by serving people in need." You have probably heard of the monthly Mobile Food Pantry they provide food for here in Athens County, but they also serve a second pantry in Athens County and in 11 other counties.

LSS started in 1912 in Columbus and has grown and branched out tremendously since then, serving a wide range of needs. They help people without a home with shelters in Columbus and Lancaster, with connected support services. LSS has medical services for the underserved, help victims of Domestic Violence, and help veterans find safe, affordable homes and employment. Kensington Place, where our friend Dick Brackin lives, is one of the LSS facilities providing independent and supported living services. To serve folks with medical needs there is a home health care program and a skilled nursing and rehabilitation facility. These services are available to everyone – not just Lutherans. For more information or to make your own donation, go to www.lssnetworkofhope.org.

Because of Your Generosity

This fiscal year, we have been able to donate the following amounts to the local, regional, national, and international recipients listed below:

Reconciling Works	\$200
Lutheran Social Services	\$400
Lutheran World Relief	\$700
Montana de Luz*	\$490
Bread for the World	\$140
ELCA Global Mission & World Hunger	\$676
Good Works	\$1,650
Athens County Food Pantry	\$1,650
Ohioans for Sustainable Change	\$140
My Sisters Place	\$900
United Campus Ministry	\$300
Habitat for Humanity	\$700
Rural Action	\$820
The Gathering Place	\$620
CLEM House	\$1,000
Emergency Assistance (To individuals, e.g. gas)	\$762
Undie Sundays/Mittens	\$1,007
Family Navigators	\$100

*This total does not include the amount raised by the CLC Virtual Mission Group in fall 2021 as most of those donations were sent directly to the organization.

In addition to the above, we have also been able to give the following as a result of special collections:

Lutheran Disaster Response (Crisis in Eastern Europe/Ukraine)	\$425
Lutheran Disaster Response (Tornado)	\$451
Lutheran Disaster Response (Undesignated)	\$572
Survivor Outreach Advocacy Program	\$776
Clothing for an Immigrant Family	\$100

June Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Don't see your event listed?</i></p> <p>Please notify the church office by the news-letter deadline to include your event/meeting/activity on this calendar.</p> <p>info@clcathens.org</p>			<p>1</p> <p>Mid-Week Prayer, 7p.m., Zoom</p>	<p>2</p> <p>High School Ziplining, 9:30a.m., Hocking Hills Canopy Tours</p> <p>VBS, 5:30-7p.m., Fellowship Hall</p> <p>Social Ministry, 7 p.m., Pleasant Hill</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>OA, 10 a.m., Zoom</p> <p>Women's Retreat, 11a.m.-1p.m., Fellowship Hall</p>
<p>5 Pentecost/Jazz Sunday</p> <p>Worship, 10 a.m., Sanctuary</p>	<p>6</p> <p>AA, 6 p.m., Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>7</p> <p>OA, 6 p.m., Zoom</p> <p>Equity & Justice, 5 p.m., Zoom</p> <p>Council, 7 p.m., Zoom</p> <p>Zienzele Presentation, 7p.m., Voss Home</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>LSS Mobile Food Pantry, 10:15 a.m. - Noon, Plains UMC</p> <p>VBS, 5:30-7p.m., Fellowship Hall</p> <p>Theology on Tap, 6 p.m., Zoom</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>OA, 10 a.m., Zoom</p>
<p>12</p> <p>Worship, 10 a.m., Sanctuary</p> <p>Steve Free Folk Music & Storytelling, 11a.m., Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>13</p> <p>AA, 6 p.m., Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>14</p> <p>OA, 6 p.m., Zoom</p> <p>Messy Church Training, 7p.m., Online</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>VBS, 5:30-7p.m., Fellowship Hall</p> <p>Regeneration, 5-7p.m., Sanctuary</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>OA, 10 a.m., Zoom</p>
<p>19 KB Godspeed, Juneteenth, Father's Day</p> <p>Worship, 10 a.m., Sanctuary</p> <p>Godspeed Reception, 11 a.m., Outside or Fellowship Hall</p> <p>HAPPY FATHER'S Day!</p>	<p>20</p> <p>AA, 6 p.m., Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>21</p> <p>OA, 6 p.m., Zoom</p> <p>Messy Church Training, 7p.m., Online</p>	<p>22</p> <p>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</p>	<p>23</p> <p>VBS, 5:30-7p.m., Fellowship Hall</p> <p>Life Together, 6p.m., Pleasant Hill Winery</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>OA, 10 a.m., Zoom</p> <p>Confirmation Boat Party, 5-8p.m., Dow Lake Boat House</p>
<p>26</p> <p>Worship, 10 a.m., Sanctuary</p> <p>Annual Congregational Meeting, 11a.m., Sanctuary</p>	<p>27</p> <p>AA, 6 p.m., Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>28</p> <p>OA, 6 p.m., Zoom</p> <p>Earth Justice, 5:30 p.m., Zoom</p> <p>Messy Church Training, 7p.m., Online</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Property, 5:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>30</p> <p>VBS, 5:30-7p.m., Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>Save the Date</p> <p>Memorial for Marcus Dahn, Saturday July 2nd at 1p.m. at Christ Lutheran with Celebration of Life to follow from 3-10p.m. at Arts West.</p>	

Worship Assistants

Please let Katie Beth, the Office Manager,
know in advance if you are planning to be out of town

Time & Talent Form: Has moved online. The link has been sent out several times in various forms but here it is again: <https://forms.gle/oemLV8DhwWtNeJEd7>. Contact the office if you have had any issues. **Please note: you are beginning with a clean slate next month (July).** If you were a specific volunteer in the past, you will not be assigned those positions in the future unless you **indicate** on your survey a desire to continue. If you did not take this into consideration, please call the church office, and we will fix you up. Thank you for your service!

	June 5	June 12	June 19 <i>KB Godspeed</i>	June 26 <i>Congregational Meeting</i>	July 3rd
<i>Asst./Lector</i>	Michael Stephens	Wanda Weinberg	Doug Debrick	Chris Snoddy	Jane Unger
<i>Time with Children</i>	Katie Beth Miksa	Jana Hovland	Puppets	Cheryl Huebner	Kay Cleland
<i>Videographer</i>	Doug Debrick	Marilyn Shealy	Kay Cleland	Sam Hanson	Doug Debrick
<i>Greeters</i>	John Deno	Linda Sauer	Mike Cleland	Sue Ellen Miller	Tammy Thompson
<i>Acolytes</i>	Dessa Thompson-Kelleher	Melody Christiansen	Rachel Prange	Meena Juedes	Dessa Thompson-Kelleher
<i>Ushers</i>	John Deno & Rod Sauer	Tim Prange & Nick Claussen	Sue Ellen Miller & Marilyn Shealy	Dan Snoddy & Ellen Peterson	John Deno & Rod Sauer