



ASHLAND CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(Disciples of Christ)



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Truth & Tales

At the end of June, I let you know that we would offer an Upward Basketball Camp for elementary-age children. We then asked that you help us by letting family and friends know about our camp. Then, we asked you to pray daily for our camp.

Our camp emphasized four things:

- a. it would be fun.
- b. the participants would make friends.
- c. the participants would learn basketball skills.
- d. everyone would be part of our motto - everyone is a child of God and will be treated that way. No one will be treated as if they do not matter.

The results of your help and prayers were utterly amazing. At first it looked like we would have 7 children registered, then 9. The day before camp, it grew to 14, and then on the first day of camp, it grew to 20.

In addition, Scott Jones, Caleb Jones, Kevin Godsey, Darrell Wright, and Barbara Boor stepped up as leaders and helpers for our camp. We also received an extra blessing when one of the dad's, named Matt, jumped in as one of the coaches. Scott, Caleb, Kevin, and Matt had the kids excited, laughing, and having fun while learning basketball skills and scrimmaging.

The results of all our efforts are best described in what we heard from the parents, the kids, and other family members.

- "Our kids couldn't wait to get here"
- "This means so much to us."
- "Why didn't we have this before?"
- "This church is the best!"
- "We can't wait to help start a league for the kids."

Recently, in one of my sermons, I called our church the "Mighty Mouse" congregation. We are small, but mighty. Our basketball camp and its success are an example of what I am talking about. Through your support and your prayers, God has blessed us, and I think speaking to us about how ministering in this way is another way of doing His will.

It is a good day, church! God bless you for your faithfulness and your support.

Hope To See You in Worship Sunday,
Pastor Bob



- Bekah DeBell
- Scott Wisner
- Irv Kenyon
- Scott Weiler
- John Hodges
- Bob Maxwell
- Charlene Richeson
- Jimmy LaHaye
- Scottie Smith
- Milton Leake
- The family of Nancy Munden

Prayer Scripture:
"Call unto Me, and I will answer you." (Jeremiah 33:3)



If you are interested in ordering a plaque for the Memorial Garden, please complete a form and return it with your \$250 to the office or place in the offering tray on Sunday. Forms can be picked up in the Narthex or from the Administrative Office. Last day to order will be September 8th. If you have questions, please see Carroll LaHaye.



Upward Sports Basketball Camp 2024



Incredible fun was had by all!



Sermon Series-

I read a survey conducted by the Church of The Resurrection that said that 95% of the people stated that they struggled with doubt. For some, doubts strengthen their faith. For some, doubts bring on a weakened faith. And for a few, it causes them to abandon their faith. So, I thought we could do a summer sermon series addressing some of the doubts that both Christians and non-Christians wrestle daily with.

This series is inspired by Rev. Adam Hamilton's book entitled "Wrestling with Doubt, Finding Faith".

Week 5 - Is Heaven Real?

Week 6 - Why Do Good People Suffer?

Week 7 - Does God Really Hear & Answer Prayers?



Annual Church Picnic 2024



With our busy schedules, it can be challenging to set aside time to be quiet and present to the Lord. We invite you to spend time in meditative prayer, song, and reflection.



How Many Pages???
Book Club

Meetings are the last Wednesday of each month at 6:00pm at Casa Herradura

MONTH	BOOK	AUTHOR
JULY	<u><i>The Keeper of the Stars</i></u>	Buck Turner
AUGUST	<u><i>Anxious People</i></u>	Fredrick Backman
SEPTEMBER	<u><i>The Frozen River</i></u>	Ariel Lawhon



Anne Littlefield for managing the school supply project for the Mahmoodi kids.

Kathryn Hull for managing the property and facilities and meeting with all the repairmen and contractors while others are on vacation- even at 8:00 pm!

John and Kim Jacoby for delivering the backpacks filled with school supplies to the Mahmoodi kids.

Judy and Mert Jones for detailed cleaning of the two stoves in the kitchen. They are so spotless and shiny they look brand new!

Backpacks Filled and Delivered!

Many thanks to our Church family for their generous giving in our recent "adopt a family for school supplies project". We were able to purchase all the listed school supplies for each child. So Satayash, Yousef, and Murtaza Mahmoodi can start their 2024 school year off complete with backpacks filled by Ashland Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). With the coordination and expertise of Anne Littlefield, this project came to fruition quite easily. Thanks to all!



On Sunday, August 25th, immediately following worship, there will be a potluck dinner. BBQ will be provided by the Elders. The purpose of this dinner/meeting is for the teams to meet and select their new team leaders and review their responsibilities for the upcoming church year. The responsibilities remain the same as last year.



August 12,
2024
@
7:00pm



The new 2024-2025 ACC Committee Chairpersons will be announced soon!



Pastor's New Work Hours
 (As of June 1, 2024)

Monday – Dedicated day to work on doctorate of ministry project

Tuesday - In Office (9:30am-3:00pm)

Wednesday - Flex Day - Sermon Prep, visitations, LOGOS, etc.

Thursday - In Office (9:30am-3:00pm)

Friday - Day off

Sundays - Church worship, hospital, or other visits as needed

At Home Communion Visit

Would you like to receive communion at home? If so, simply call the church office (804-798-7083) and let our Administrative Assistant, Kara Murray, know. You will be contacted by Rev. Brooks, Rev. Hull or an Elder to schedule a day and time.



Please bring ONLY canned goods for the food pantry basket. There is a large plastic container in the narthex for your donations.
 ACES is in need of the following food items: canned beef stew, canned meats, canned fruits, peanut butter, pork & beans, and cereal.



We are so grateful to have had a chance to celebrate our volunteers for the International Ministry of Ashland! We thank Kim and John Jacoby, Sharon and Steve Chisdey, Sandra and Jimmy Smith, Anne Littlefield, Sarah Byrne, Cathy Crews, Anne Cilley, Milton Munden, Woody Tucker, Barbara Cameron, Jennifer and Libbie Sydnor, Donna Dennehey, Stacey Wilson, Kathryn Hull, Bob Brooks, and most of all Carroll LaHaye for all their incredible work in English classes, with the Disciples Depot, mentorship program and all aspects of the International Ministry of Ashland! Thanks to all of you at Ashland Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) for your support and prayers and continued dedication to this ministry. I'm so proud to be part of a church that is truly acting in mission to love our neighbors!!

We have several missions coming up in the International Ministry and we would love for you to be a part of it! Here are some opportunities. Please email me at LilyCameronRVA@gmail.com if you want to get involved:

- *We are looking for an ESL teacher (who will get paid by Hanover County Adult Education) who can teach a beginner class so we can continue to have 3 levels of classes.
- *We are looking for driving volunteers on Tuesdays and Thursdays, either 9-10am or 12-1pm or both, starting in September.
- *We are looking for ESL volunteers on Thursday mornings 10-12 starting end of September.
- *We are looking for people wanting to help build the Habitat for Humanity houses in Ashland for an Afghan family and a Hispanic family.

Thank so much for considering to join in this work and God bless you and your families!
-Lily Cameron



Ashland Christian Church (DoC) was asked to sponsor an Afghan family with school age children. In sponsoring, we completed their school supply list for school year 2024-25. There are 4 children and they are:

- Khadijah-4 years old; (and may go to pre-school)
- Yousef, 6 years old-1st grade;
- Murtaza, 11 years old-5th grade; and
- Satayash, 13 years old-7th grade

Thanks for your generosity!



Camdyen Stockwell & Jennifer Stockwell
were married in Glacier National Park,
Montana on July 18th, 2024.

Kylie Stockwell officiated the ceremony.



International Disciples Depot

The International Disciples Depot was closed for July and August. We will re-open on Saturday, September 7th at 10:00 am. Alan Dicken, from Week of Compassion (DoC), will be visiting and volunteering with us to learn more about our ministry for refugees. We have already received a \$5000 donation from Week of Compassion to assist with our programming needs and to help some in other areas. Please put the dates on your calendar and let Carroll LaHaye know if you are interested in getting involved.

The International Ministry of Ashland met and decided on the focus items for the Churches for the upcoming months. We hope we get lots of interest from each Church, so we can meet the needs of our families.

September: notebooks of any kind, spiral bound, 3-ring, composition

October: toilet paper

November: coats of all sizes, men, women, children

December: lots of toys for all ages