

# DISCIPLEGRAM

MAKING DISCIPLES  
WHO SHARE THE LOVE  
OF JESUS CHRIST  
IN THESE  
COMMUNITIES  
AND WITH  
PEOPLE  
EVERYWHERE



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## What's Your Name Again?

This has been the month of “new” for my family and me. New places, new jobs, new house, and—especially—new people. I have asked “What’s your name again?” more times than I can count, and I will continue to do so for some time ahead. But that doesn’t mean that I haven’t appreciated the immense amount of love and support I have received from all of you “new people.” Adele and I are truly thankful for every one of you who has stopped to say hi and to

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welcome us to the Christ Our Savior family. We are thankful for everyone who helped move our furniture into our house, or showered us with gifts, or offered us a place in their pew on Sunday morning. It may take time for me to learn all of your names, but it took no time at all for you all to make us feel at home here in Livonia.

I may be young, but I've caught a few episodes of the TV show Cheers. So, I can sing along to those famous lyrics of the theme song: "Sometimes you wanna go where everybody knows your name." We all have these places. It may be at home with those relationships that we were born into or married into. It may be at work or school. And (hopefully) at church. People and relationships matter a ton to the church. Jesus established the church not to be a place first-and-foremost, but to be a people. It is our joy to be a part of this people when we receive love and support from our relationships with one another. And it is our duty to share that hospitality with people as well.

When we read the letters written by the Apostle Paul, we can get a good sense of the relationships that were at the center of the early Christian church. When Paul wrote his letters, he was sure to acknowledge all the very real, very personal relationships that he had through the church. In Romans 16, Paul ends his letter greeting Phoebe, and Prisca, and Aquila, and Epanetus, and... many more. In all, Paul mentions 27 people by name plus others in passing. Some of these people shared personal moments with Paul, some shared in his sufferings, but all shared one thing: faith in Jesus Christ.

The tie that bound them all together is the same tie that binds us together now at Christ Our Savior. We trust in Christ, and we belong to him. The more time I spend here at my new Church Home, the more my relationships will grow with all of you. We'll make memories, share good moments, share hard moments, and grow together. But even now, we are already tied together by the One who holds all things together!

Joel Werner, Pastor.

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**Rev. James and Deaconess Christel Neuendorf**—*Puerto Rico*

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You can receive the Disciplegram: 1) in your church mailbox, 2) in the postal mail, or 3) through e-mail. Let Alyssa Knock ([alysak@christoursavior.org](mailto:alysak@christoursavior.org)) know your preferred way to receive our newsletter!



# Shine Jesus' Light Vacation Bible School

## Featured Ministry



We had a Stellar week at VBS shining Jesus' light! We had over 100 children and 60+ volunteers filling our building with the love and joy of Jesus, the light of the world. The participants rotated through stations including Bible story adventures, cool crafts, yummy snacks, fun music, active games, and the always awesome Nutty Scientist! It was an out-of-this-world week where we grew excitement to go out into the world and shine Jesus' light!

The kids sang some of the songs they learned during the week for the congregation on Sunday, June 25. We pray that the music they learned, the Bible stories they heard, and the relationships they formed will stay with them through the summer and throughout their lives!

### AN EXCITING NOTE ABOUT OUR VBS

We have many children who come to VBS year after year. As they grow in our VBS, they begin to look forward to the day when they can be helpers. Being old enough to be a VBS helper has become a right of passage that many children look forward to! Through our VBS we are growing disciples!!

### THANK YOU!

A BIG THANKS to everyone who volunteered at Stellar VBS! You were truly Stellar, and we could not have had such an awesome week without each of you!

And a big thanks to everyone who made snack donations and everyone who kept VBS in prayer!





# Welcome Rev. Joel A. Werner

## Associate Pastor



Rev. Joel & Adele Werner with their daughter Joanna

*Proverbs 16:9: The heart of man plans his way, but the LORD establishes his steps.*

In his senior year of high school, Joel Werner had plans to pursue an engineering degree. His skills and interests seemed to point towards that direction and he was already accepted into an engineering college. His way was planned. As Proverbs reminds us, however, the Lord is the one who directs our steps. Joel had a change of heart, explained only by the gentle promptings of the Holy Spirit, that led him to switch over to pre-seminary classes at Concordia Ann Arbor. Looking back, he can see where God was planting seeds and encouraging him in that direction all along, even though it was only in hindsight that the plan came into focus.

At Concordia, he played for the Men's Tennis Team, participated in student government, was involved with the worship team and, in his own words, "grew in [his] faith greatly." He and his wife, Adele, were married after graduation from Concordia, then the new family headed to the Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. As part of his preparation for the pastoral role, he was assigned to a vicarage at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Oviedo, Florida. This was his first taste of what life in ministry was actually like. Vicarage is a time for training for young pastors, giving them a chance to practice all of the roles and responsibilities that they will be soon be undertaking. The biggest surprise for Joel was the willingness of the lay people at St. Luke's to put their faith in action—they were eager to serve. Instead of the tug-of-war he was expecting to get the congregation involved in projects, he saw an active willingness in the laypeople to live out their faith through service.

Joel graduated from the Seminary in the spring of 2023 and was called to serve here at Christ Our Savior. His Ordination into the ministry and Installation service were held on June 4, 2023. If you weren't at the service, you can watch the recording online—what a great day for our church family! In the few short weeks he has been getting to know our congregation, he has already noticed that same willingness serve that he noticed on his vicarage. He is excited to see what God will do through this church!

As we know, there is plenty for Joel to do as the Associate Pastor at Christ Our Savior. One of the first responsibilities that he is excited about is teaching the Confirmation class in the fall. He's looking forward to meeting the students and getting to know them and their families.

We are grateful that God directed the Werner's steps to bring them here to Livonia, Michigan. Many prayers were said during our call process, and we hope that you will continue to keep Joel, Adele and their daughter, Joanna, in your prayers as they settle in to life and ministry here. Especially as they are expecting to add another child to their family in late January 2024!

*Welcome Josh*

*Kittleman*

## **Director of Christian Family Life Formation**

On June 4, 2023, we installed Josh Kittleman as our Director of Christian Family Life Formation (DCFLF). This is a new position for Christ Our Savior, but one that has been in the works for several years as the congregation identified needs and gaps in our ministry. The call process started almost a year ago, and as we prayed, both corporately and individually, God prepared the right person for the job. Now that Josh is here, the staff and congregation members are excited to see how this new role complements and expands the work here at COS.

Serving in this capacity is not something new for Josh. From 2002 to 2006 he served in Adrian, Michigan, at St. John's Lutheran Church as their Director of Family Life, and from 2006 to 2017 he was at Peace Lutheran in Shelby Township. His years of experience led him to the position of Assistant Professor of Family Life at Concordia University, Ann Arbor, where he taught until he accepted the call to COS.

While congregational ministry is not new for Josh, he is coming to us after six years of being in the university world. As a professor of Family Life, he had to formulate and teach the best practices for ministry, which gave him the opportunity to reflect on his past years of service. In his opinion, a good teacher is introspective on their own experience. He was able to process what he personally had done well and where he could have improved, and he is excited to bring these lessons with him as he begins work at Christ Our Savior.

Being on staff at a church is a change from being on being staff at a university, and Josh is embracing that change. For him, there is



something special about being part of a congregation family. He sees beauty in working alongside people in their various roles and equipping fellow members to serve in their spheres of influence. As he says, "I love helping congregations see the important role that the church plays as one big faith family, as well as the important role that everyone plays in passing on the faith to their loved ones at home."

Although he is still new to Christ Our Savior, he has already been impressed by the many ways that our congregation has found to connect with our community. He is excited to encourage the attitude that looks outside of our own "bubble" and sees the needs of the community around us, such as the SPREE outreach, VBS and our connection with Family of God.

It is an answer to prayer that Josh is finally here and getting settled. As Josh develops this role, come by and visit him! He'd be happy to offer you a seat and some M&Ms in his new office.

Josh & Sarah Kittleman and their three boys, Ethan, Asher and Jonah



## *Congratulations Dr. Steven E. Parrish* **Christus Primus Award**



Drs. Steven & Elenn' Parrish

We are proud to recognize the accomplishments of our brothers and sisters in Christ, especially those in our own congregation. Dr. Steve Parrish has been a member of Christ Our Savior since 2002. At that time, he was teaching philosophy at Concordia University, Ann Arbor—a career that he continued until his recent retirement in 2022. Some of you might remember sitting in on one of his occasional contributions to our Sunday morning Bible classes, and appreciate his expertise of philosophy and other religious worldviews.

He married Dr. Elenn' Parrish in 2009. He is a frequent attender of Sunday services and you'll often see him sitting with his daughters and their families.

The following is taken from an article published by CUAA, found at [blog.cuaa.edu/special-commencement-awards-2023/](http://blog.cuaa.edu/special-commencement-awards-2023/):

*The Christus Primus Award is a service award presented to clergy, educators or laypersons of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Recipients are recognized for their distinguished service to the Church and community.*

Dr. Stephen Parrish started working at CUAA in 1999. With an MS in library science and a PhD in philosophy, he spent his time both in the library and in the classroom. After a few years, he transitioned into full time teaching of philosophy, with opportunities to teach many different courses, always from a strongly Christian perspective.

Dr. Parrish's teaching was always appreciated by students and acclaimed by colleagues. Their praise for his teaching is due to the fact that he offered a sound Christian basis for young minds as they grapple with the myriad philosophies confronting them in

the world today. He took his students on a logical journey through rational thought to gird up their foundations of Christian faith.

Extensively published in philosophy, he has consistently upheld robust argumentation in apologetics—giving rational cases for belief in God. His opus magnus trilogy hones in on logical proofs for classical theism. His other works include *Atheism?*, *See the gods Fall*, and *The Mormon Concept of God*. In addition to these books, he has had many scholarly articles published in respected academic journals.

Dr. Parrish retired in 2022, but he continues in his scholarly writing. His wife and cat are happy to have him at home more. His daughters Rebekah and Mary, who received their degrees from CUAA, are married and live close by. His oldest daughter Sarah and her family live in Rapid City, South Dakota.

As a CUAA professor emeritus, Dr. Parrish will still be seen around the campus and attending various events. He will continue to represent Concordia honorably when attending professional meetings and in his future scholarly publications.

# Ichthus Fellowship



In February of 2022, Deacon Al Renard wrote an article entitled “On the Street and in the Neighborhood” which was published on the Michigan District website ([michigandistrict.org/commission/on-the-street-and-in-the-neighborhood/](http://michigandistrict.org/commission/on-the-street-and-in-the-neighborhood/)). He attempted to answer the question, “How do we translate a hope that we know in our heads to a hope that we live out in our lives, so that, as Peter says, one might ask about the hope that we possess?” He concluded with an answer that we all know, and yet we all struggle to put in practice. In his words, “...it appears that the answer is as simple as living your faith. AND it also appears that the answer is as hard as living your faith.”

The Ichthus Fellowship recognized this tension, and strives to find ways to help Lutherans *live* their faith in their communities. The members of the Ichthus fellowship want to recapture the vision for a mission-motivated ministry, a thriving church community that meets the needs of those around them and through their actions attracts others to join.

Through an email exchange, Al Renard answered a few questions about the Ichthus Fellowship.

## *What is your vision for the Ichthus Fellowship?*

Establish a fellowship of congregations, acting in cooperation with each other for the purpose of cultivating the mission field. So, this is our hope, that we, congregations located in the suburbs West of Detroit, may work together as Lutherans United in Mission.

## *What motivated you (and others) to start the Ichthus Fellowship?*

It had come to our attention that several LCMS congregations and LCMS schools in the Dearborn (now, West Detroit) and Livonia Circuits were struggling to survive, while other congregations and schools were stable and in some cases growing. So an initial group from St. Michael, Wayne and St. Matthew, Westland, came together to address what we could do to work together as sister congregations. This led to a series of studies and group events:

- Analysis of Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats
- West Detroit Suburbs Strategic Plan Demographic Study

- Initial Gathering of congregations in January 2022 where the Demographic Study was presented.
- Gathering of congregations April 27, 2022 for presentation by Rev. Todd Jones, “Recapturing a Thriving Mission-Focused Culture”. Also, those present contributed to our understanding of the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats for our congregations and schools
- Gathering on August 10, 2022 for a presentation by Dr. Bernard Bull, “School Models, Best Practices, and How We Might Move Forward with a Preschool and/or a Grade School Association”
- Survey commissioned to see what the thoughts were on Who We Are, Lutheran Education, and what direction should the Ichthus fellowship go.
- Gathering on April 25, 2023 to “Discuss, and Affirm Recommendations Developed from the Survey” and How should the Ichthus Fellowship be organized.

## *How can a layperson be involved?*

Please contact Rev. Bryce Rosche at [pastorbryce@stmatthew.info](mailto:pastorbryce@stmatthew.info) so he can speak with you about the opportunities.

## *How can someone sign-up for your newsletter or other Ichthus publications?*

Please send your name, congregation, and e-mail address to Al Renard at [ahrenard@hotmail.com](mailto:ahrenard@hotmail.com) and he will see that your name is included in the mailing list.

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<u>I</u> esous	Ἰησοῦς	— <u>J</u> esus
<u>C</u> hristos	Χριστός	— <u>C</u> hrist
<u>T</u> heou	Θεοῦ	— <u>S</u> on
<u>H</u> uios	Υἱός	— of <u>G</u> od
<u>S</u> oter	Σωτήρ	— <u>S</u> avior
<b>Jesus Christ Son of God Savior</b>		

The first column shows the English version of the Greek words in the second column. The third column shows the English translation of each word. “Ichthus” is an acrostic spelling out the title of Jesus.



# Welcome New Members

## Received on June 4, 2023



**Thomas Brunsch**—It is with great delight and gratitude to God that I have the privilege of serving at Christ Our Savior Church. I have been attending services for a while and by now you might recognize me in the congregation. I was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Dearborn for several years and decided to pursue becoming a faithful member. I believe I will bring, mindful in God, much to the Church.

**Joshua & Sarah Kittleman, Ethan, Asher and Jonah.** See article *welcoming the Kittlemans.*



**Nancy Klein**—After attending the same church for over 65 years, I felt the need to renew my Christian faith and join a new church. I attended several services at Christ Our Savior, I felt the warmth and fellowship from the congregation and Pastor Davenport.

My parents have passed away and my husband and I do not have children. However, we refer to our 2-year-old puppy, Sunny, as our child. So, I eagerly join the Christ Our Savior family of friends and neighbors, and once again look forward to embracing the teaching of the Lord and his Blessings.

We are **Kim and Tim Kostelnik**, joining Christ Our Savior through transfer of membership from St. Matthew, Westland. We have two adult children and currently have three grandchildren. We look forward to becoming members of the



Christ Our Savior family of faith and growing in God's word.

My name is **Mary Seitz.** My husband Fred and I will be celebrating 48 years of marriage this year. We have a wonderful son and



daughter-in-law as well as two beautiful daughters and their wonderful husbands who have blessed us with six loving grandchildren. I come to Christ Our Savior by affirmation of faith being a baptized and confirmed member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. I look forward to meeting all of you.

**Sean Stockton**—I graduated from Lutheran High School in Westland in 2022. I am transferring my membership from St. Matthew Lutheran in Westland. I enjoy singing and have joined the COS choir.



**Rev. Joel & Adele Werner, Joanna.** See article *welcoming the Werners.*

## We Welcome Submissions

The Disciplegram is published six times a year and welcomes your submissions. If you have a news report, poem, piece of artwork, short story or article you would like to share, give it to our Communications Coordinator, Alyssa Knock ([alyssak@choursavior.org](mailto:alyssak@choursavior.org)). Please include your name and phone number.

We reserve the right to make final decisions on what is published. We try to print articles as submitted, but will edit if necessary. Items will be included as space allows.

This is YOUR newsletter. Feel free to use it!





# Welcome our 2023 Confirmands

We are excited to have each of these young people join our congregation. Pray for them as they continue on their journey of faith and say hello to them if you see them in the hallways at church!



(Left to Right) **Carson Pincheck**, son of Kimberly & Michael Pincheck. Confirmation verse: Phillipians 4:13.

**Jacob Zurek**, son of Dave & Linda Zurek. Confirmation verse: John 13:7.

**Sophie Fremder**, daughter of Matt & Angie Fremder. Confirmation verse: Phillipians 4:6

## Memorials and Gifts

**In memory of Angeline**

**Intended for:**  
Food Pantry

**Given by:**  
Lucy K Hayder and Bill & Debbie Reynolds

**In memory of Barbara Morrison**

**Intended for:**  
Early Childhood Program

**Given by:**  
Jerry & Barb Amey, Eric & Marcia J. Booth, Dona Borgert, Willem & Debi Haven, Nancy Hermanson, Robert & Ruth Hoon, Cathy Lee Keller & Clark E. Keller, Robert & Sandra Kielb, Bob & Gini Krenz, Mike & Nancy Longo, Marjorie & Charles Manns, Susan & James McLvain, Nancy J. Moore, John Morrison, Deanne & David Nelson, William Palmer, Edward & Patricia Probst, Robert G Scott & Diane Scott, Kathy Staber, Adelmarie Suardini and George & Helen Zacharzuk

**In Memory of:**  
Greg Barnier  
Lillian Bickel  
Alice Wagner

**Intended for:**  
Closed Caption Ministry  
Quilters  
Sunday School & Early Childhood Program

**Given by:**  
Bruce & Sandy Baxter  
Eunice Bickel Smith  
Barbara Karowich

# Thank You Musicians!

## I Too Will Praise Him with a New Song!



We give thanks to God for the faithful, talented members of COS who give their time and effort to our music ministry. We have recently concluded another great season of music making in our worship and now are taking a little time off during the summer. From September to June, our musicians meet weekly to prepare and rehearse music for our worship services. I take this opportunity to publish their names here and thank them for their dedication and service for another year well done.

*Tom Schroeder, Music Director*

### FESTIVAL CHOIR

#### *Soprano*

Mary Courvisier  
Kirsten Galka  
Helena Hatten  
Linda Hollman  
Hannah MacAfee  
Sylvia Mckernan  
Barbara Pewitt  
Betsy Reichert  
Karen Schanerberger

#### *Alto*

Elaine Billig  
Joanne Brighton  
Michele Ciskon  
Debbie Desantis  
Joanna Eiwen  
Ruth Germeroth  
Mary McGrath  
Elizabeth Williams  
Cynthia Windecker

#### *Tenor*

Matthew Fremder

Andrew MacAfee  
Bill Reynolds  
David Thomas

#### *Bass/Baritone*

Mark Anders  
Bill Billig  
Jim Edwards  
Kyle Hollman  
John Hookana  
Andrew MacAfee  
Stephen Milz  
Sean Stockton

#### *Accompanist*

Frankie Rogers

### JUBELLATION HANDBELL CHOIR

Suzette Krone  
Andrew MacAfee  
Linda Marzinski  
Lindsay Miller  
Elenn' Parish  
Laurie Riegel  
Gunther Ruck

Chris Trapp  
Jen Zaske

#### *Substitute bell ringers:*

Becky Brunner  
Matt Fremder  
Alyssa Knock  
Mary McGrath

### VICTORY BRASS ENSEMBLE

*Trumpet:* Mitchell Heath  
Tom Oberman  
Samantha Kuszynski  
Liesl Brunner  
*Eb Horn:* Erik Kuszynski  
*French Horn:* Laurie Candela  
*Euphonium:* David Crittenden  
*Trombone:* Megan Riegel  
Gunther Ruck  
*Tuba:* Keith Miller  
*Timpani/Percussion:* Elenn' Parrish

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**PRE-SERVICE MUSICIANS**

Michele Cison  
David Crittenden  
Matthew Fremder  
Tim Hofmeister  
Lindsay Miller  
Frankie Rogers

**ASSISTANT LEADERSHIP**

Frankie Rogers—*Festival Choir/  
Accompanist*  
Matt Fremder—*Festival Choir/  
Organist*  
Andrew MacAfee—*Handbell Choir*  
Lindsay Miller—*Handbell Choir*  
Mitchell Heath—*Victory Brass*  
Elizabeth Williams—*Music Librarian*

## Membership Updates—June '23

To keep the congregation informed about the membership of our church, the Board of Elders includes membership updates in each Disciplegram. Every two months, a report is published that includes a list of gains and losses and the reason for each change.

Additionally note the unreachable members at the bottom of the report. If you have any information about them or possible ways to contact them, please share with the chairman of the Board of Elders, Mark Anders (ElderMarkAnders@christoursavior.org) or the church office (734-522-6830).

**Received by Baptism:**

- Mira Garner on May 21, 2023
- Lukas Gustafson on May 28, 2023
- Zaydan Shephard on May 6, 2023

**Received by Profession of Faith:**

- Tom Brunsch on Jun 4, 2023
- Mary Seitz on Jun 4, 2023

**Received by Transfer from other LCMS:**

- Asher Kittleman on Jun 4, 2023
- Ethan Kittleman on Jun 4, 2023
- Jonah Kittleman on Jun 4, 2023
- Josh Kittleman on Jun 4, 2023
- Sarah Kittleman on Jun 4, 2023
- Nancy Klein on Jun 4, 2023
- Kim Kostelnik on Jun 4, 2023
- Tim Kostelnik on Jun 4, 2023
- Sean Stockton on Jun 4, 2023
- Adele Werner on Jun 4, 2023
- Joanna Werner on Jun 4, 2023
- Joel Werner on Jun 4, 2023

**Deceased Individuals:**

- Gary Krueger on May 30, 2023
- Barbara Morrison on Apr 29, 2023

**Removed from Membership:**

- Jeremy Bush on Apr 24, 2023
- Roman Copley on Apr 24, 2023
- Alexis Ferguson on May 15, 2023

- Easton Frauenheim on May 15, 2023
- Coraline Hanks on May 15, 2023
- Leona Janisewski on May 15, 2023
- Emily Kirk on May 15, 2023
- Matthew Kirk on May 15, 2023
- Jennifer Puckett on Apr 24, 2023
- Brynn Richards on Apr 24, 2023
- Carrie Richards on Apr 24, 2023
- Mackenzie Richards on Apr 24, 2023
- Timothy Richards Jr on Apr 24, 2023
- Alyssa Terrio on Apr 24, 2023
- Abigail Wilkinson on Apr 24, 2023
- Madalyn Wilkinson on Apr 24, 2023

**Released to other Lutheran:**

- Beth Collins on May 8, 2023
- Timothy Collins on May 8, 2023

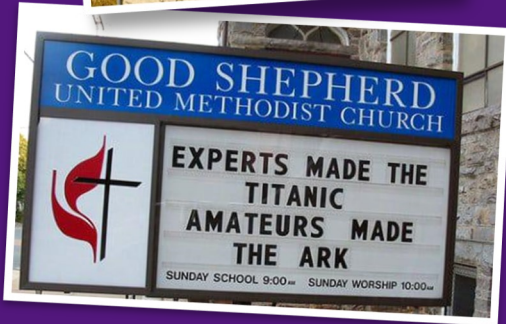
**Removed by Transfer to other LCMS:**

- Jenn Kirk on May 15, 2023
- Tim Kirk on May 15, 2023
- Terri Martin on Apr 28, 2023
- Andrew Mlynarczyk on Apr 11, 2023
- Madelyn Mlynarczyk on Apr 11, 2023
- Stephanie Mlynarczyk on Apr 11, 2023
- Christy Richards on Apr 24, 2023

**Unreachable Members:**

- Thomas Burke
- Shereen Janisse

## The Lighter Side



## Food for Thought

**“Stated baldly, charity certainly means one of two things—pardoning unpardonable acts, or loving unlovable people.”**

G.K. Chesterton  
Orthodoxy

## School Supplies

COS members are asked to donate the following items to fill 450 backpacks and totes. 250 backpacks will be distributed within our local community and 200 will be sent to Lutheran World Relief with totes provided by WOW (Women of Word).

The following items are included in each tote:

- Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper approximately 8" X 10½"; no loose-leaf paper
- One 30-centimeter ruler, or a 12" ruler with centimeters on one side
- One pencil sharpener (one that catches its own shavings)
- One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- Five black or blue ballpoint pens (*no gel ink*); secure together with a rubber band
- One box 24 crayons
- One 2½" eraser

Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed. All items should be new and in good condition. Please remove any excess packaging.

We are available in the narthex on Sunday mornings for you pick up a shopping list "apple". Prayerfully consider participating in this mission opportunity.

If you have any questions, contact Dianne Sherman (734-812-5172) or Linda Hollman at the Church Office (734-522-6830 x104).



Community Connections is hosting a summer barbeque from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The church will provide hamburgers, hotdogs and drinks—we ask you to bring a side dish, salad, or dessert. We'll have outside water games, a bouncy house and other yard games. Bring your whole family for the fun and laughter! Register by scanning the QR code so we can prepare adequately.

