

# THE CARILLON



**AUGUST 2020**

## PREACHING SCHEDULE

August 2 – Mary Ellen

August 9 – Laura Christian

August 16 – Aubrey Woods

August 23 – Bruce Carson

August 30 – Mark Solomon

August 2 - Mary Ellen is preaching, and we will hold communion. Please bring your own juice and bread if you are able, although we will have some extras as well. We will not pass the communion elements among the congregation to keep social distancing. Our theme is on "Looking Ahead" from Colossians 3:23-25.

The rest of the Sundays in August, please give each of these worship leaders the same commitment to worship as you always do. Know that as the weather continues to be good on a Sunday, we will worship outdoors in the township park next to the church. If the weather is rainy, we will worship indoors. Whether inside or outside, please use masks and keep social distancing. We will sing only if outdoors. When indoor for worship, there will be no live vocal music, only recorded and/or instrumental music. Each week we will continue to post worship on our website or you may find a link through your email.

Please also note: If Geauga County Covid-19 cases rise to code red, we will discontinue worship until the level of infection is again lowered, in alignment with the governor's mandates. In the event of no indoor or outdoor service due to a red status for the county, 11:00 am Sunday coffee hour zoom gatherings will resume in September.

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**PRAY FOR:**

Bill Angstrom  
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The Holtz family  
Bruce Johnson  
Delton Dudley  
Richard Hacker  
David Clark  
Luann Sayre  
Randy Rose  
Connie Streble  
The Balzer family  
Frank Sulka

Betty Peck  
Joann Giovannelli  
Susan Little  
The Rosati's  
Matthew Christian  
Ken Stanley  
Larry Fox  
The Bryan family  
Sarah Lanza  
Fred Hunter  
Albert Ricer  
The Mullett family

Keith Streble  
Kenrick Byler  
Kathy Hogamier  
Franke Fende  
Don Burt  
The Taylor family  
Patrick Carver  
Janice Stanek  
Mary Jane Troyer  
Judy Irvin  
Kevin O'Reilly  
The Stone family

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR**

Thank you! And help!

Nancy Jevnikar has been faithfully putting together our monthly newsletter for a number of years now, but she is about to retire and needs to hand this task over to a new set of hands. If you can copy and paste in Word or some other word processing software, this will be simple for you. We need someone at least until the end of the year.

**MUSIC COMMITTEE**

We are so grateful to our musicians who have participated in worship both online and live. We appreciate the flexibility with schedules, comfort levels, and getting accustom to distance between the church steps and the pavilion! Also to Aubrey for all the early Sunday set ups, to Mary Ellen and Dave for recording and posting, Ed, Dave, Bruce, Mark and Sara that help with putting everything away. To Mary Ellen and the Deacons for printing the song sheets.

These are challenging times and with all of us pulling together we pray to continue to be instruments of praise pleasing to God and meaningful to the congregation.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Can you believe it is almost August already! We are so excited to bring our virtual VBS to our kids! Jill Kellogg has been working so hard to get things all together to present August 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>. If you have not signed up yet we encourage you to do so! We will have bundles ready to send out as well. These will include an additional craft for all three days, a themed snack for these three days and printouts for the program! We have 24 kids signed up so far! The curriculum is called BOLT. The lessons will encourage us all to learn, focus and follow Jesus! Please let us know if your family would like to participate...there is still time!



For the month of August, we are asking that everyone keep our school staff and students in their prayers. We encourage you to purchase school supplies to be donated to Job and Family Services and pray over those supplies. These are uncertain times and difficult decisions are being made about our school year. We pray that whatever path each school district, administration, teacher, and families take that God will be leading their way and surrounding them with his love and guidance.



Currently, we are delaying the start of Sunday school classes until we know more information. Rally Day typically takes place on the Sunday following Labor Day week, but we will be holding off on plans for Rally Day until we have more information from the governor and the surrounding school districts. We will investigate other options in the meantime and will be meeting and praying on what step is best for our children. We thank you for your prayers as we look ahead to the coming school year. May God's blessings be with all our church family.

## MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Thank you all for your wonderful support of our Gift Basket to Red Tulip. Almost every item that they requested was provided!

For August we are continuing to support the Burton Food Cupboard and the Department on Aging Food Pantry. I encourage you to stop in and drop off your donations even if you are not coming into the building for church. Thank you all for your support of this important outreach into our community!

Burton Food Cupboard items requested for August are:

**Shampoo, hand soap, toothpaste, flour, and toilet paper**

They served the following in June:

Households Served	143
Seniors (60+)	103
Adults (18-59)	209
Children (birth to 17)	87
Number of People	399

Monetary donations to the Burton Food Cupboard can be made through the Burton Congregational Church. They can be made online through the Burton Church website which has a donation option for the Food Cupboard. Donations can also be mailed to the church with food cupboard on the memo line or with a note to P.O. Box 496 – 14558 West Park Street, Burton, OH 44021.

We are also supporting the new **Department of Aging Food Pantry** and their needs are:

- Canned Veggies and Fruit Rice
- Applesauce
- Crackers
- Boxed Cereal - Cheerios, Corn Flakes, etc.
- Mac & Cheese
- Tuna and other canned meats
- Soup - tomato, chicken soups, vegetable
- Apple Juice
- Hormel Ready Dinners
- Jelly

Please put your donations in the baskets under the bench in the back hall at the church. Our assistance in this work is always needed and appreciated.

### **Missions Committee**

Pam Plott, Jill Kellogg, Linda McBean, Betsy Griffin, Patti DeVault, Mark Solomon, Jan Wargo

### **DEACON NOTES**

Communion Sunday will be August 2, 2020. Bring your own juice and cracker/bread. There will be extra on hand if needed.

We will continue to hold worship outdoors if the weather permits, however, the sanctuary is ready in case of rain. The pews are roped off to use every other pew.

There will be no singing or choir during service. Although, there may be recorded music.

We are being asked to wear masks when approaching people and please continue to be aware and courteous to those around you.

Pastor Mary Ellen will be on vacation August 3rd through August 31st. Carane Ladd will be the deacon for August if you have any questions or concerns 440-286-4671. Please support our interim preachers during this month. Laura Christian on Aug. 9, Aubrey Woods on Aug. 16, Bruce Carson on Aug. 23, and Mark Solomon on Aug. 30.

Daily Devotions will be put on the website for the month of August - **[claridoncongregational.com](http://claridoncongregational.com)**