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Attendance:

The average attendance for the month of August was 28.

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“Autumn Reflections and the Nature of Congregation”

As school comes back into session and we begin to feel the first crisp days promising the beginning of autumn, I find myself in a reflective mood. Autumn is the time of year when the unusual speed and rhythms of summer give way to the predictable and comfortable. Our children and grandchildren are back in school, our college-aged kids are back in classes, and those of us who are still working are preparing for the end of the constant vacations and disruptions that come from the warmer months. For the Church, this is a time to come together. A time when I'm looking forward to getting to know all of you, having potlucks and ministry events. This summer has been a time of transition for all of us, and like all times of transition, there has been discomfort and friction. Much of what I had learned entering into ministry during Covid is different now, just as those

WEEKLY

SCHEDULE

- SUNDAYS Worship on the Lord's Day, 11
- MONDAYS No regular events
- TUESDAYS Office Hours, 9-12
- WEDNESDAYS
 Bible Study, 6:30-7:30
 Ionia First UMC, Cafe
- THURSDAYS Office Hours, 9-2
 Bible Study, 12-1

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Blood Drive Tuesday 9-6
- Picnic Potluck at the Ides Saturday 9-10 at 12 P.M. Bring your own silverware and drinks are provided.
- Board of Governors meeting
Monday 9-12 at 7 P.M.
- Sunday 9-18
Potluck after Church

who entered ministry before Covid find this world isn't entirely like it was before. But we learn from our mistakes and we try and do better.

In the coming months, I'm going to be trying different ways to make myself more available and schedule time to sit down and get to know any of you who are willing. These times to connect could be at the Church, at your home, or at a coffee shop where I'm likely to spend some of my office hours getting to better know the community. I'm excited for the potluck during the MSU/UofM game, and the opportunity that provides for the kind of get-together I wish had happened earlier.

So this Autumn, as the leaves change color and the air turns crisp, I want us to focus on reconnecting with one another. Come together with Grace and Love as one Body of Christ, redeemed by the Blood of the Lamb.

Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we

may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

~Hebrews 10:19-25

The one part of this scripture that I think we're all predisposed to miss is that the reason we meet together is for the encouragement of the Body. We know we can do Church separately, digitally, because we were forced to do so for months. But we all know it's not the same as meeting together. Why? Because we lack the encouragement, love, and support of the rest of the Body of Christ.

I want us to become a Church that, down to the last person, has a culture of loving, encouraging, and pushing for the best for one another. Because a Church with that culture would be revolutionary, both for those of you already here, as well as for any who might walk into our doors looking for hope and grace. May we be continually spurring one another on toward good, encouraging one another, and holding unwaveringly to the hope we profess.





Peace and Global Witness
September 18, 2022
Noisy Sunday Offering

confronting hopelessness, thwarting division

Empowering congregations and individuals to become peacemakers themselves.

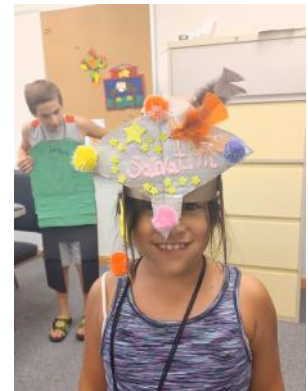
The Peace & Global Witness Offering encourages the church to cast off anxiety and fear, discord and division, and embrace our God's mission of reconciliation to those around the corner and around the world.



The peace of Christ belongs to everyone, everywhere.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The Season of Peace returns Sept. 4-Oct. 2
- The Peace & Global Witness Offering encourages the church to cast off anxiety and fear, discord and division, and embrace our God's mission of reconciliation to those around the corner and around the world.
- Peace and Global Witness Offering, which according to Special Offerings "enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world."
- A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this Offering to connect with the global witness of Christ's peace. Mid councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.

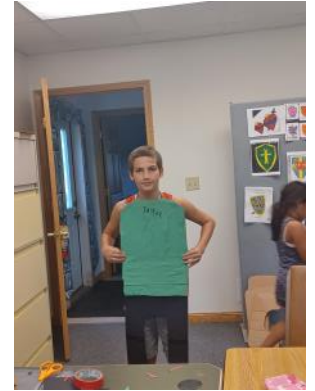


We had a great turnout at VBS!!! We were also blessed with one of the families on the Sunday afterwards!!!





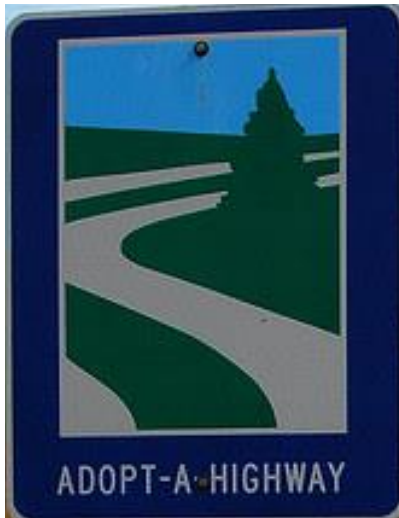
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MISSION STATEMENT

The Lyons-Muir Church is called to be God's healing and hope-filled congregation, and to make followers of Jesus Christ for the positive transformation of our community through lives of prayer, love, forgiveness, honesty, acceptance, and trust.



Armor Of God Word Search

Find the hidden words.





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ARMOR

ARROWS

BELT

BREASTPLATE

FEET

FLAMING

FULL

GOD

PEACE

RESIST

RIGHTHOUSNESS

SALVATION

STAND FIRM

STRENGTH

SWORD

TRUTH

2022 Adopt-A-Highway

This year's last Adopt-A-Highway dates are September 24-October 2.

Our Adopt-A-Highway area runs down M-21 from the Maple River, through Muir, past our church, to Westbrook Road which is three miles. Volunteers are needed to help with the trash pickup, as the volunteers able to help are dwindling. Last year, there were four people to pick up the three miles and having more volunteers will help. If you would like to volunteer for this community service, please contact Barb Davarn at 989-224-3849.