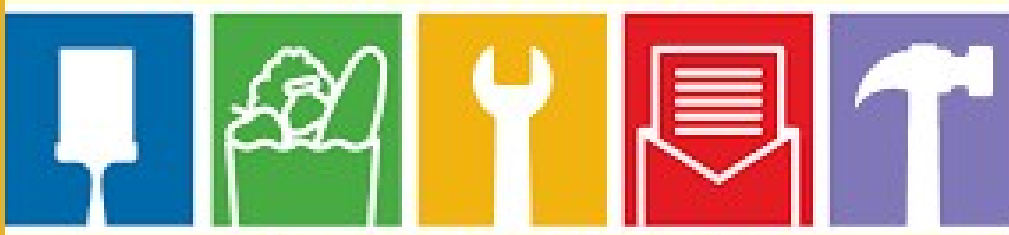




God's work. Our hands.



September 13, 2026

Once again we will be creating hygiene kits for
Refuge of Hope

We will be collecting quart sized baggies, washcloths, and bars of soap to be assembled into hygiene kits after service on September 13th. As always, refreshments will be part of our fun and fellowship! Join us on September 13th!!

Other items needed by Refuge of Hope:

Toothpaste and toothbrushes

Shampoo and body wash

Deodorant and lotion

Razors and shaving cream

Feminine hygiene products

NEW underwear any size men or women's

Socks

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Notes From Pastor Eli!

Forgetting God

My friend, is it possible to forget about God in one's life? I believe most of us would agree that it is possible. In fact, many people do. Some do it out of total disbelief. Some out of anger and indifference. Some just drift away.

Many of you are aware that I graduated from Asbury Theological Seminary. Asbury is a United Methodist Seminary. I was not a United Methodist but chose Asbury because I knew I would receive a sound education and the cost of living in Kentucky was cheaper.

It was at Asbury I first learned about John and Charles Wesley and their impact. John Wesley, like many before and after, was convinced that God enables us to grow in grace through the power of the Holy Spirit. Wesley believed that the Holy Spirit chooses to work through certain Christian practices which Wesley called, "means of grace."

What are the means of grace? For Wesley, they included "prayer" (both written and extemporaneous), "searching the scriptures", "the Lord's Supper", "fasting" and "Christian Conference" (which would involve spiritual conversation and fellowship). These, he believed, were instituted by Christ. There were other means of grace which also included "acts of mercy" one would offer to a neighbor.

Friends, if we look at our faith in God in terms of a personal relationship, we can see why God might choose to work in some of these means of grace. To have a relationship you and I must be in some contact with another person. The same is true of God. We need a real sense of God's presence, of God's character, past activity and future promises.

John Wesley believed that we know God through faith, and that faith was itself a gift of the Holy Spirit. Wesley also knew how hard it is to keep a lively faith due to the many things in life that distract us from God. This Wesley called "dissipation"---our being pulled away from God by our work, recreation, responsibilities and entertainment, whether good or bad. We simply go through life forgetting God who then seems increasingly remote and distant.

Ask yourself, what is needed in your life and mine to keep our relationship with God real, fresh and growing? Do we need diligence, discipline and determination as part of our Christian faith? What happens if we don't? I believe you and I head down the road toward forgetting God.

Wesley and his early followers became known as "Methodists" because of their methodical study and worship practices. They sought to keep their faith lively through methodical practices to counter the danger of dissipation. It consisted of three primary rules: 'do no harm', "do good to the bodies and souls of people", and "attend to the ordinances of God". (That is, instituted means of grace).

Friend, I don't know about you, but what I do know about me is when I am not as disciplined or determined in my effort to stay close to God, I drift. God does not seem as real or as relevant. My spiritual life and my relationship with God suffers as I am prone to forgetting God.

Moses, as he tried to prepare the people of Israel before they entered the Promised Land, gave sound advice. "Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them slip from your heart as long as you live," Deuteronomy 4:9.

I heard 13 people enjoyed a wonderful Lunch Away at the Desert Inn. Sounds like a great new activity we should put on our calendars. Any suggestions of where to go in August?- *Eli*



On behalf of Beacon Charitable Pharmacy, I want to express our heartfelt gratitude for your generous gift of \$610. Your support is instrumental in providing critical medications and healthcare resources to individuals and families in need across Northeast Ohio.

Your gift enables us to continue addressing healthcare disparities for those who are uninsured or underinsured. It ensures we can extend our services to those who need them most, empowering patients to lead healthier, more stable lives.

Your generosity strengthens our mission and relieves the financial burden of medication costs for the most vulnerable members of our community.

Thank you once again for your support and for being a vital part of the Beacon Charitable Pharmacy family. If you have any questions or would like to learn more about the impact of your donation, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours in health,

Dr. Latrice D. Snodgrass
Chief Executive Officer
Beacon Charitable Pharmacy

P.S. We are humbled and grateful for your support. I am not sure how we got on your radar, but thank you and God bless.—LaTrice



The first time I walked into GSLC I knew that I found my church “home “. What a great group of Christian people. I want to thank all of you for the support and love that I felt during my recent illness and hospitalization. It means so much to me to have a wonderful church family that I can count on in my time of need. May God continue to bless you all.

Pat Long

I would like to thank everyone for al their prayers and cards during my recent knee surgery, and also the Neals and the Presslers for the transportation they provided for me so I could attend church.

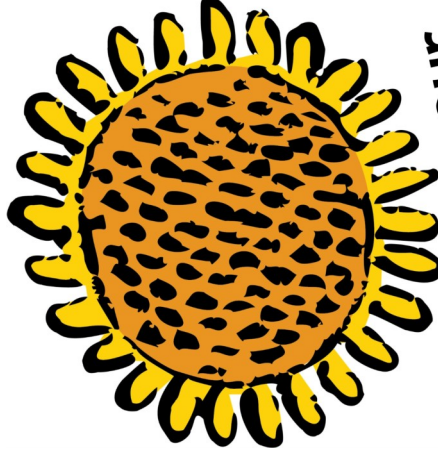
Annick Schrader



We are in need of a congregation member to represent Good Shepherd at the North Canton Ministerial Association meetings. Meetings are monthly on the fourth Tuesday of the month usually at 1:30pm. Duties include attending the meetings and being a liaison for NCMA information and activities . Please let Lei Fahrner or Pat Long know if you would like to serve in this capacity. Thank you to Pat Long for her many years of Good Shepherd NCMA service.

Worship

Assistants



Thanks to our
VOLUNTEERS!

Date	Usher	Lector	Greeter	Flower Wrapper	Pew Racks	Opening
8/2	Karen & Chuck Pressler	TJ Miller	Linda Neal	Kathy Schmidt	Linda Burgess	Miller
8/9	Connie H/Rod Swartz	Anne Fahrner	Carolyn Chellinsky	Linda Lautenschlager	Linda Burgess	Burgess
8/16	Nancy & TJ Miller	Cindy Leasure	Gay Rankin	Linda Lautenschlager	Linda Burgess	Robinson
8/23	Lorelei & Rod Lopick	Gale Nagel	Howard Leasure	Gay Rankin	Linda Burgess	Davenport
8/30	Linda & Don Neil	Shirley Dobry	Linda Miller	Gay Rankin	Linda Burgess	Hoffman
9/6	Jill & Bill Toy	Nancy Miller	Diane Deem	Karen Pressler	Donna Jakmides	Miller
9/13	Jan & Neil Carlson	Rod Swartz	Howard Leasure	Karen Pressler	Donna Jakmides	Burgess
9/20	Linda & Gary Miller	Jan Carlson	Linda Lautenschlager	Judy Flading	Donna Jakmides	Robinson
9/27	Linda Burgess/Pat Long	Pat Hoffman	Gay Rankin	Judy Flading	Donna Jakmides	Davenport
10/4	Cindy & Howard Leasure	Anne Fahrner	Nancy Miller	Jill & Bill Toy	Pat Long	Miller
10/11	Judy & Wil Baum	Jen Lowry	Jan Carlson	Jill & Bill Toy	Pat Long	Burgess
10/18	Annick Schrader/Pat Hoffman	Gary Miller	Carolyn Chellinsky	Kathy Schmidt	Pat Long	Robinson
10/25	Kathy & Dave Schmidt	Neil Carlson	Karen Pressler	Kathy Schmidt	Pat Long	Davenport

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2 Pastor Eli Worship 9:15am	3	4 Dominoes 7pm	5 AA 7pm	6 Yoga 10am	7 Crafts & Conversations 10am	8
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16 Lei Worship 9:15am	17	18 Dominoes 7pm	19 AA 7pm	20 Yoga 10am	21 Crafts & Conversations 10am	22
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