

FOOD BANK REQUESTS - August

Triscuits and Wheat Thins	fruit cups
pudding cups	snack crackers (packs)
tomato soup (10 oz size)	spaghetti noodles(box)
chicken noodle soup (10 oz size)	green beans (can)
seafood chowder/soup (can)	corn (can)

MISSIONS OUR CONGREGATION SUPPORTS

Scott & Sally Glover Tamshiyacu, Peru Church

SERVICE MEN & WOMEN

John Diller	Dave Garver	Tyler Hargraves
Curtis (CJ) Johnson	Chad Ankney	Joey Hamilton
Steven Hoffman	Sean Lefever	Orryn J. Smyth
David Barrett		

PRAYERS

Colton Boyd – great nephew of Elaine Ressel-health concerns
Jeff Evans – health concerns
Donna Garver – health concerns
Carol Girvin- large variety of health concerns
Paul Girvin-recuperating from surgery
Robin Hammond – health concerns
Mike Herr – health concerns
Linda Kushlan – health concerns
Shyanne Moore – health concerns
Jodie Mylin-health concerns
Joan Probst – health concerns
Faye & Sam Reinhart – health concerns
Wade Sheaffer –health concerns
Summer Stebbins – health concerns (daughter of Walden's)
Claire Troop – health concerns
Trevor Vollmer – 2015 Pequea Valley grad critically injured
Erik & Ethel Walden – health concerns
Doris Woerth – recuperating from hip surgery

MIDDLE OCTORARA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)

OUR MISSION

To provide a place of fellowship where a community of believers come together to be spiritually renewed and enabled to effectively witness for Christ through service to others.

Worship Service begins at 10:30 a.m. You may follow along with the paper bulletin or the PowerPoint.

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ROMEO Club Quarryville Family Restaurant **Wednesday morning @ 9:00a.m.** “RELATIVELY Old Men Eating Out.” **This is not just for Middle Octorara members, please invite others in our community!**

Prayer time – Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. Everyone welcome.

THE FLOWERS IN THE ALTAR THIS MORNING ARE GIVEN In Memory of Kathy, Mom and Grammy by the other 19 Keene's.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR August 24, 2025

We thank **Koryn Barrett** for being our special music guest this morning.

Outdoor Yard Sale: Saturday August 30th 7 am till 1 pm. Vendors needed. Call 717-381-9947. Benefits Joyfully Made Fellowship. Food available. Donations are accepted for a Baked Goods Table.

SUMMER MUSIC

August 31	Kira Roark	cello
September 7	Grove family	

The **Covenanter Scottish Festival** will take place on September 6, 2025 from 9 AM - 5PM. Music includes the Philadelphia & District Pipe Band, Chivalrous Crickets and Fire in the Glen. There will be Highland Games, Piping and drumming competitions, clans & vendors, sheep herding, Scottish Country Dance, Gaelic Language Village, Lancaster Spinners & Weavers, Children's Games, Haggis Ceremony and Brandywine Dulcimer Fellowship. The event will take place here and tickets are \$22.00.

The newly painted **Shrine Church** and the interior maintenance in the museum look great. Please visit during the Scottish Festival. The museum will be open again on Sunday, September 21, from 1 PM - 4 PM.

CARPET/PEW PROJECT

If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of the carpet replacement and pew repairs please keep separate from your other offerings and mark on the check memo line or put a note with the check. Work is scheduled to begin in January and completed in March. There will be an update in the newsletter each month of how much has been donated.



FINAL ROUND IN CONTEST

Travis Hoover, representing Bart Twp Fire Co., has entered a contest sponsored by Lancaster Newspapers **for fire companies** in Lancaster County. The top 3 winners will earn money for their fire company and a calendar will be made with pictures of the top 12 winners. **The contest will end this Tuesday, Aug. 26th.**

Individuals can vote **one free vote today only** and/or pay \$1.00 per vote in any amount as often as they wish until Tuesday. Below is the link to see all the participants and also be able to vote.

<https://www.gogophotocontest.com/firefighters-calendar-lnp>

Last year's winners were Robert Fulton Fire Co. 1st place and they received \$19,534.00, 2nd place Columbia Fire Co. \$11,720.40 and 3rd place New Danville Fire Company \$7,813.60. If you would like to participate and have questions ask Deb or Travis. **Thank you to everyone who has donated and/or voted.**

Adult Sunday School Class: Currently we are studying a video series by Max Lucado entitled 'What Happens Next? A Traveler's Guide through the end of the Age.'

Here is a synopsis of what will be included.

- **Faith Empowerment:** Encourages readers to face the future with faith, emphasizing preparation over fear.
- **Key Concepts:** Covers four foundational ideas: reigning with Christ, God's promises, heaven's timeline, and the millennium.
- **Historical Timeline:** Examines significant milestones such as the rapture, tribulation, and the glory of heaven.
- **Reassuring Overview:** Provides a well-researched and comforting explanation of God's Word amidst global uncertainties.
- **Encouraging Style:** Max Lucado's signature style offers hope and reassurance about God's eternal plan.

YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATES

We are one step closer to our relaunch! The first week of September during worship (after Kid Time) with Pre-K and Elementary classes. We've purchased a curriculum.

- As we get closer, we are looking for volunteers for both Sunday School classes and nursery.
- **Sunday School volunteers** (rotating schedule)
- **Nursery volunteers** (two per week) Our sign up sheet will be located in the main entrance next to the bulletins. Whoever is interested, we would love to get with you prior, so you have an idea about the new curriculum.
- Solanco Fair, we are looking for volunteers to walk in the **parade** and/or to be at **our booth!** Let us know if you can help! Thank you so much!
- **Small individually wrapped candy to be handed out during the Solanco Fair parade.** Please put candy in the library on a chair or desk, not the floor. Or monetary donation towards purchase of candy. (Give to Deb)

See **Alie** or **Cayla** to sign up or email us

Alie- aparmstrong527@gmail.com

or Cayla- Caylamiller96@gmail.com. Thank you so much!

Please spread the word! Share this opportunity with family, friends, neighbors, and former members—*whether they attend Middle Octorara or not*. If they have children or teens who might be interested in getting involved, we'd love to connect with them.

Thank you for being a church that invests in the faith and future of our youth. Your involvement makes a lasting difference!